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Deal with Port of Oakland moves a step closer

Arrangement could lead to creation of a barge route between West Sacramento and Bay Area

■ Local union official won't say if unions will lobby against plan to raise money for Port of Sacramento by selling some of its land

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The Port of Oakland wants to proceed with forming an alliance with the Port of Sacramento.

That was the unanimous decision of the Oakland port's governing board on December 20. After a rough outline of an agreement was approved in Oakland, the deal is heading back to the governing board of the Port of Sacramento, where it will be on the agenda next Wednesday evening.

According to a statement released by Kenneth S. Katzoff, president of the Port of Oakland's governing board, the new joint operations could "support our efforts to handle our growing business." He also said it might help reduce smog in Northern California:

"We are ...taking an aggressive look at how to improve air quality and relieve congestion from trucks in and out of the Bay Area coming through the Port of Oakland," said Katzoff. "The alliance with Sacramento may offer us another way to assist those efforts through a barging operation between the two ports."

The Port of Oakland responded to a "request for proposals" from the Port of Sacramento, which is located in West Sacramento but controlled by governments on both sides of the Sacramento River. The city of West Sacramento is in the process of taking control of the struggling institution, and finding a port manager is one of the items on its "to do" list.

Before the restructuring of the Port of Sacramento began last year, officials were seriously talking about bankruptcy as a possible outcome.

To address the growing fiscal crisis and cargo woes, governors of the Port of Sacramento a year ago hired interim CEO Andy Belknap to help analyze the trouble and find a solution. Both the impending switch in control of the Port of Sacramento to West Sacramento and the proposed deal with the Port of Oakland have come from these efforts.

"There is untapped potential for ports to cooperate as well as compete," said Belknap. "The strategic alliance makes good business sense for both ports."

West Sacramento City Manager Toby Ross, one of the deal's negotiators, could not immediately be reached to clarify how the agreement is evolving. But according to the Port of Oakland's press releases, the alliance is to proceed through several phases:

In the first phase, during the first six months of this year, the Port of Oakland will work with the Port of Sacramento to get a terminals operations manager in place and to produce a marketing and operations plan. Compensation to the Port of Oakland for its services "will be established and agreed upon by both parties."

The two parties will also develop a strategy on how to pay for deepening the Port of Sacramento's too-shallow access canal.

From July 2006 through the year 2007, the two parties will "develop performance standards and report the performance results" before June 30, 2007, and either party will be allowed to terminate the contract after 2007 with six months notice.

Beginning in 2008, the Port of Oakland expects to receive an eight-year "Terminals Operations Franchise" in Oakland "according to terms to be developed."

The Port of Sacramento was dug in the 1960s, using bonds paid primarily in the city and county of Sacramento. As part of their agreement to hand over to control of the port to West Sacramento this year, those jurisdictions have asked that some of the port's southern West Sacramento land holdings be sold off, and some of the proceeds be earmarked for use in Sacramento city and county.

Some of the proceeds would also go to the port itself – including an effort to shore up the Port of Sacramento's ailing employee pension program.

Port labor unions have publicly opposed this land sale, however, fearing it would limit the Port of Sacramento's future expansion to the south.

The News-Ledger asked a regional union coordinator, Agustin Ramirez, if it was true that labor interests were planning to lobby against state permission for this land sale. He referred comment to Everett Burdan, president of the chapter of the International Longshore & Warehouse Union in West Sacramento.

Burdan refused to be quoted.

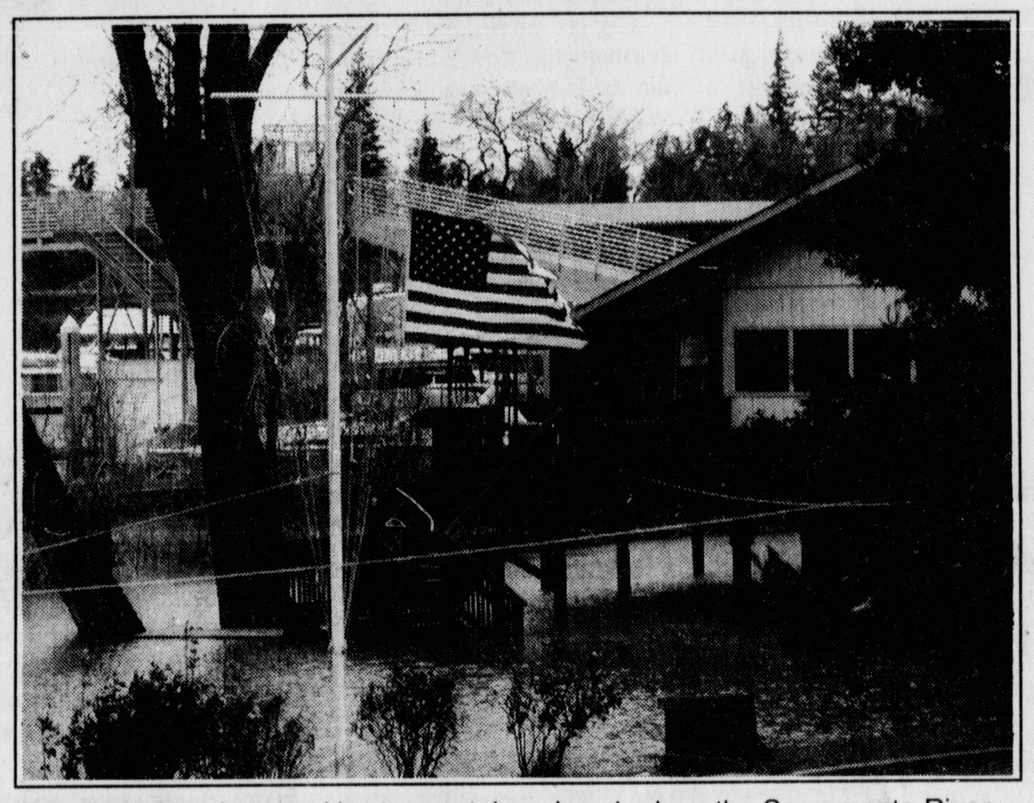
West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon was asked what would happen if the plan to sell off port property were blocked.

"The land transaction is the hub of the whole solution for the port," he said. "If it is blocked, the entire transfer (of authority to West Sacramento) falls apart. The governance transfer is dependent on the revenues from the land transaction to provide 'exit compensation' to the City and County of Sacramento. The revenue is also necessary to satisfy the current debts of the port, including the pension plan."

Details of next Wednesday's meeting of the Port of Sacramento governing board's meeting have not yet been released.

The Port of Oakland, like the Port of Sacramento, is a government agency. A department of the City of Oakland, the Port of Oakland oversees Oakland's maritime port, the Oakland International Airport and 19 miles of waterfront including Jack London Square. The port boasts that it is the fourth busiest "container" shipper in the country.

High waters on the mind



This photo from last week's storms, taken Jan. 1, show the Sacramento River working its way up the front steps of the Sacramento Yacht Club on South River Road in West Sacramento

The city of West Sacramento will discuss emergency preparedness information at the next meeting of community groups, scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the Civic Center. The meeting will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the first floor meeting room of the Galleria.

Topics for discussion include steps that citizens can take to set aside supplies for a short term emergency, how the city's Emergency Operations Center is organized and activated, and the general state of West Sacramento's flood protection. The city works closely with state and local reclamation districts to ensure that monitoring and maintenance of the levees is conducted.

Guest speakers include the city's Hazardous Materials Manager Bill Summers, who also coordinates activities of the Emergency Operations Center, and Reclamation District 900 Manager Ken Ruzich.

For more information, contact the city Parks and Recreation Department at (916) 617-4620.

'Big box' stores will bring city big bucks

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The creation of a West Sacramento's "destination" retail center near I-80 and Reed Avenue will significantly improve city coffers.

The city's "general fund," which pays for police, fire, parks and the city manager's office, currently sits at about $20 million a year. The home furnishing store IKEA is scheduled to open at the Riverpoint shopping center in two months, bringing what city officials guesstimate to be around another million dollars per year in local sales tax share just by itself.

A Home Depot and Walmart Superstore will follow – at dates uncertain – and these major tenants will eventually be joined by smaller retailers. Each will ring up big-time sales taxes, and the City of West Sacramento will receive a portion of those dollars.

IKEA, under construction just west of I-80 in West Sacramento. The store will open in March.

City finance director Leigh Keicher said the city has no hard numbers, promises or contracts regarding the actual amount of the sales tax that IKEA or other big new retailers will generate.

"Early on, I understood that the local 'one percent' (share) of the sales tax from IKEA was going to reach a million dollars a year to the city, once they get up and running," said Keicher. "That came from the representation that they traditionally have a certain amount of sales per square foot, and looking at the number of square feet they will build."

"Our general fund is right around $20 million. Sales tax provides half of that."

The new retailers will place some draw, of course, on city services like police and fire protection. But one reason different cities and counties often compete to attract big retailers is because these businesses traditionally don't demand as much in services as they generate in tax dollars.

Visitors to a "destination retail center" often travel from somewhere else, spend their money locally and stimulate the local economy – then return to their own home, where they rely on someone else's parks department, police force and firefighters.

Seeing the new tax dollars on the horizon, has anyone – such as local police or firefighters – been agitating to receive a chunk?

"We anticipated getting additional funding over the next few years, and have already increased funding for some things, including police and fire services," said Keicher. "It's already factored in."

Change of heart: cities embrace new bridges

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

When West Sacramento proposed a new bridge connecting the Linden Road area to southern Sacramento and I-5 back in the 1990s, one Sacramento city councilman famously responded, "Over my dead body."

But the mood has changed. And joint riverfront planning calls for a number of new river crossings – including a connection from West Sacramento's South River Road area to I-5 and Broadway, are on the horizon. Both sides believe that connections between neighborhoods on both sides of the river for use by autos, bikes and pedestrians will enhance property values and quality of life on the riverfront.

The "Broadway Bridge" might also help West Sacramento the way the Linden-area bridge was once hoped to help – by providing another way for southern city residents to get to the freeways without using the congested Jefferson Boulevard interchange.

West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon said this crossing won't come as soon as some of the others proposed by both cities. But the political climate does seem friendly to the idea.

"That's likely to be the last of the new river crossings," said Cabaldon of the "Broadway Bridge." "In the riverfront plans, we have looked at a variety of them from the Richards Blvd. crossing, to perhaps a pedestrian/bicycle underpass underneath the Pioneer (US 50) Bridge, to the signature Garden Bridge at R Street."

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'Dream jobs' are pretty hard to come by

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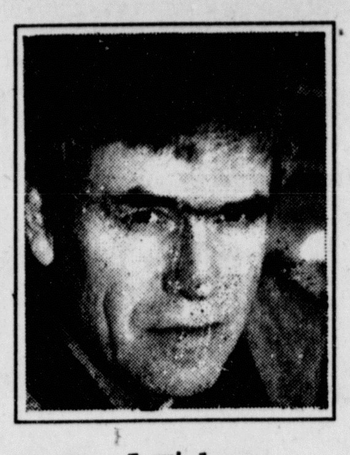

By Daryl Fisher

Don't you just love the Internet? I mean, there's hardly anything (information-wise) that you can't find on the darn thing. And it's so easy. You just get online, move around a little mechanical mouse, and type in a few key words. In fact, for most people, it's almost impossible to imagine the world without the Internet now, and I for one can hardly start my morning without reading the top online news stories of the day and also checking to see if I have any emails that need answering. Which brings me to my little story.

The other morning I was glancing at which online news story I wanted to click on first (the one entitled "DeLay quits leadership post" looked like an obvious winner) when off on the far right-hand side of the screen I happened to notice the words, "AOL Love and Sex Coach." And when I glanced down below that title there was another very interesting sentence which read, "Great sex every time." Well, figuring that Tom DeLay's latest well-earned troubles could probably wait for a few more minutes, I did what every red-blooded American male would do when confronted with the possibility of learning how one goes about having great sex every single time, and I clicked on those words to find out what I have been doing wrong all these many years.

Come to find out, the detailed information I was after was apparently going to take a whole lot more time and effort than I had hoped (you had to join an online workshop or something) so I just quickly skimmed through the information that was readily available and learned that the AOL Love and Sex Coach (someone named Lana) had also written a book on the whole subject which "is a multifaceted gem crystallized from her rich experience working with couples at all stages of life's most intimate journey."

Geez, I thought to myself, here I am slaving away at the *News-Ledger* while there are apparently really great jobs available out there like being a sex coach. But the more I thought about it, the more questions I seemed to have. For instance, wouldn't a serious sex coach have to do more than just write a book? Wouldn't he or she have to actually be in the room? I mean, I've never heard of a coach who wasn't on the field with his or her players. And would you get to have a whistle? It seems to me that you would definitely need a whistle, you know, to stop the action when someone wasn't doing something right — or worse yet — when someone was doing something wrong. And if they didn't give you a whistle, then a good megaphone would probably be a must. And all the good coaches I played for when I was younger had lots of assistants. So wouldn't a good sex coach also have to have his or her assistants in the room, too? It sure seems like they would have to be there. You know, someone to keep stats on a clipboard so the players would know afterwards how they statistically measured up to some of their previous efforts; and someone to work the chalkboard and diagram all the really tricky stuff; and of course someone to signal in specific moves and techniques. And it also seems to me that you would definitely need to have at least a couple of substitutes in the room, too, just in case one or more of the players got really tired and needed a replacement. Boy, the more I thought about it, the more it was starting to seem like the first thing a good sex coach would have to get used to is working in a pretty crowded space.

Anyway, I was mentioning all this to a good friend the other evening and he said, "Daryl, just take my word for it, there are no sex coach jobs out there, and even if there are, I'm sure they're looking for younger and much better qualified applicants than you."

"Well," I said, "all I know is that some lady on AOL is getting to be a sex coach so there's got to be openings for that kind of work somewhere else, too. I think it said she had a bunch of college degrees so maybe a person can go back to night school or something to qualify. I'd even be willing start out part-time."

"Did it say anything about references? You'd probably need references."

"Yeah," I admitted, "references could definitely be a problem."

"Plus if you ask me, you've already got a great job at the *News-Ledger*."

"Well," I admitted, "I have been at the *News-Ledger* for more than 15 years now, so I guess it would be kinda hard to start a whole new career this late in life."

"Now that's more like it — your starting to think sensibly again."

"I wonder how much they pay a sex coach?"

"Who knows? Probably not much — although I bet some of the benefits are pretty good. But you're happy with the job you have now."

"That's true," I admitted. "Plus come to think of it, I guess writing columns for *the News-Ledger* is actually a lot like being a sex coach anyway."

"How so?"

"You know, one of those jobs you more or less end up doing just for the love of it."

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These loans originated from self-employed people who, when applying for loans and providing tax returns, didn't show enough verifiable income to qualify for a mortgage. Now, however, times have changed, and these types of loans are basically available to anybody, whether self-employed or W-2ed. The lenders have allowed all those who qualify to apply for these types of loans.

Stated income loans are just that: we "state" your income on the loan application, but we still require verifying assets. When stating your income, however, it is critical that the employment you list as your job coincides with the income of that field. It is equally important to understand that these types of loans are credit-sensitive, and loan-to-value sensitive -- so the better your credit and the more down payment, the better your terms will be.

The NINA loan, or "no income no asset" loan, is another type of loan whereby we don't verify your income and we don't even verify your assets. Most of the entire loan application is blank, and limited documentation is required.

These types of loans are good for people who have another business and don't want to pull up all the tax returns or corporation documentation, or those who are paid with bonuses or cash, or "commission and salary."

Remember: the more you can prove to the lender (income, liabilities, assets), the better the rates you can get. Conversely, the less you can verify, the more risk you present to a lender -- making your rates higher.

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By Elise McCallan
Arthur F. Turner Branch Library
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The library will be closed on Monday January 16 in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Call 375-6465 for information and library hours.

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Obituaries

Sally Aganza Lawrence

Sally Lawrence was born on April 29, 1949, and passed away on January 5, 2006 in West Sacramento. She is survived by her mother, Jenny Wilson; her daughter, Felecia; her son, Jeremy; her sisters, Angie and Marylou; her brother, Joey; her grandchildren, Julianne and Jacob; and her loving husband, Conrad.

Sally was a Spanish teacher at Merryhill School. Her faith in God carried her to the end, and her passing has freed her of her cancer. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2006, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1500 Park Boulevard in West Sacramento.

Alfredo Villegas, Sr.

Alfredo Villegas passed away peacefully in his sleep due to heart failure at the age of 90 on January 8, 2006, with his loved ones at his side. He was the beloved husband of the late Isabel Villegas; the loving father of Alfredo E. (wife, Shelia) Villegas, Jr., and Carmen (husband, Clinton) Allen; the devoted grandfather of Oscar, Benny, Carolyn, Troy, Mark

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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

What's up with Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick's little brother? Marcus Vick, the young talented Virginia Tech quarterback is in the news again but not for his performance on the football field. Vick joins Marice Clarett has the NFL's newest and youngest bad boys since Terrell Owens set the stage.

Vick, 21, who was kicked off this college team on Monday for repeated team violations, was arrested in Virginia for allegedly banishing a gun at three teenagers at a fast food restaurant. Vick also declared himself eligible for this years NFL draft on Monday only to be arrest the next day for some foolish act. School officials reprimanded Vick in December for driving without a license, speeding and again on January 2nd for stomping on an opposing player's leg during the Gator Bowl. He even lied to the press about his apology to the player for his intentional foot stomping act that was replayed on TV for days.

Now, Clarett, who left college early after a brief career at Ohio State, was cut in the preseason by the Broncos and now faces jail time. Clearett allegedly robbed a couple at gunpoint after a wild New Years Day party. His ticket to play in NFL Europe is on hold this summer while Mr. Vick awaits damage control by his agent to enter the NFL draft in April.

Both these players have received professional counseling and have been mentored by top coaches and professional players only to go against their advice. What's that old saying? You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink. Hey, maybe the Oakland Raiders will consider drafting these two young offensive players!

NFL Playoffs

The NFL playoffs are picking up steam this weekend after the first round eliminations of the Bucs and Giants in the NFC and the Bengals and Jags in the AFC. The second round is probably the most entertaining week on the road to the Super Bowl. This is the time went the four teams that earned their first round byes come out to play after healing their wounded and analyzing their opponents weaknesses. Are you ready for some Football!

On Saturday (1:30 p.m.-FOX) Seattle (-9) will host the Redskins and in a late night game (5:30 p.m.-ch.13) in Denver the Broncos (-3) will try to end the defending Super Bowl champion Patriots run at a third Super Bowl title and their record setting 10 game playoff winning streak.

Sunday's game will be just as exciting with the Steelers (+9) traveling to Indianapolis (10:00 a.m.-ch.13) to face Tony Dungy's Colts while Da Bears (-3) close out the second round of the playoffs against the Carolina Panthers (1:30 p.m.-FOX).

Aztec's Picks

Aztec was hot again last weekend picking all 4 NFL winners and only losing one game to improve his overall record to 48 wins, 31 losses and 2 ties. The Dawg's last "College Lick of the Week" pick was more like a drool especially after USC (-7) lost the National Championship to Vince Young and the Texas Longhorns. The Dawg has his work cut out for him in the second round of the playoffs.

The Dawg was feed well this week in anticipation of very difficult week of selecting playoff winners. But, on Saturday Aztec really likes the Seahawks (-9) to soar over the Skins and the Broncos (-3) will end the Pats third Super Bowl quest.

The Dawg was pacing all day Monday trying to decide between Da Bears and Da Panthers but it the end Aztec is going with the Cats (+3) to out claw Da Bears and win in overtime and in the weekend finale, the Colts (-9) will win big against the cocky Steelers in Indy.

Kings Korner

The Kings (13-19) were on a nice two game roll until they laid another egg against the Indiana Pacers on Sunday night. The friendly confines of the Arco Arena are not so friendly this year. The Kings were sleep walking again on Sunday night and got smashed by 25 points and have now lost 11 home games. The Kings only lost 11 home games all of last year!

The Kings might catch a break in Houston on Wednesday night because Tracy McGrady is out with back problems but if Bibby shoots like he did last Sunday against the Pacers its going to be a long night. Bibby made only 1 out 10 attempts and was pulled by coach Adelman in the third quarter. In Sunday's lop sided loss against Indiana, Kings coach Adelman was not a happy camper and was quick to pull out his starter. Bibby, Stojakovic and Miller need to be more consistent on offense and hustle a lot more on the defensive end of the court.

The Kings will been on the road this week starting in Memphis on Tuesday night followed by a back to back stop in Houston (5:30 p.m.-CSN) on Wednesday and another visit to Oklahoma City (5 p.m.-CSN) on Friday night. The Kings next home game will on Sunday, January 15th against Orlando.

Boxing

West Sacramento's new heavyweight Eric "El Rey" Martinez was a big hit last Thursday at the Arco Arena first boxing show of the year. Martinez landed a beautiful left hook to his opponent's jaw that resulted in a first round knockout and his second professional win of his new boxing career. Martinez was on the under card of the Vicente Escobedo main event that also ended early with a second round knockout by Escobedo over Jefferson.

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Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

1. Who were the first teammates in major-league history to each belt 40 or more homers and 40 or more doubles in the same season?
2. How many major-league players have hit 400 home runs before their 30th birthday?
3. Name the last NFL team to lose a Super Bowl and then have a better regular-season record the next season.
4. When was the last time before 2005 that the U.S. men's basketball team won the gold medal at the University Games?
5. How many Stanley Cups did defenseman Scott Stevens win during his NHL career?
6. What was the actual title of the first Winter Olympic Games in 1924?
7. How many times has Fred Couples been shut out at golf's Skins Game?

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RAIDER ROUNDUP

A summary of River City High School sports results

By Troy Turner

JV Player Gregory Turner shoots over a Highlands defender
Photo by Troy Turner

Varsity Boys Basketball

The Raiders began their regular season last week by playing the two toughest teams in the Capital Valley Conference. Against Foothill High, the boys trailed by only two points after the third quarter, but Foothill held on to win 57-54. The Raiders then faced the Highland Scots and were victorious. With 20 seconds left in the game, the Highlands had one last chance to win but came up short, giving River City the 51-50 win.

The Raiders face Vanden and Dixon this week.

JV Boys Basketball

The JV boys team also faced Foothill and Highland last week. Against Foothill, the Raiders fell behind early and could not catch up, losing the game. Against Highlands, the boys played a very competitive game, With a minute left, the score was tied 55-55. The final score, though, was 57-55 Highlands. The JV boys will also face Vanden and Dixon this week.

Freshman Basketball

The freshman boys came up on the losing end against Foothill High. The boys then redeemed themselves, beating the Highland Scots. They face Vanden and Dixon this week.

Girls Varsity Basketball

The girls varsity team has been hit with the "injury bug" as of late. According to Coach Jamie King, 30 percent of the players are unable to play due to injuries and other issues. Against Foothill, the girls played very well but came up short, 59-56. Two days later, they faced the Highland Scots. Due to fatigue and a lack of players, the Lady Raiders could not keep up with the Scots, and lost the game. This week, they will face Vanden and Dixon.

Girls JV Basketball

The JV girls team came up short in the first two league games, losing to both Foothill and Highlands High. This week, they also face Vanden and Dixon.

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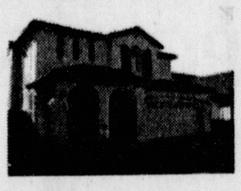

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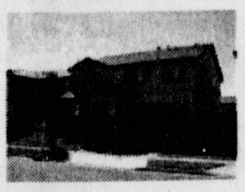

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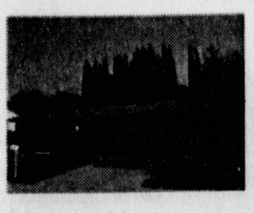

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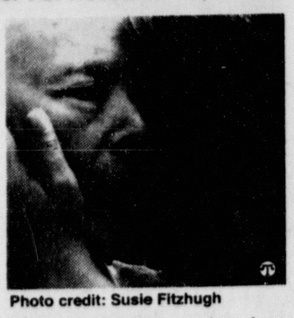
Health NEWS

Alzheimer's Families Volunteer For Research As Tribute

(NAPS)—Anyone with a loved one with Alzheimer's disease knows the pain and frustration of living with the terrible illness. Currently, 4.5 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's, a number expected to rise as the population ages.



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Ann Hedreen visits her mother, Arlene Tocantins. Mrs. Tocantins lives in a home-care setting for people with Alzheimer's disease.

Ann Hedreen's mother started showing symptoms of Alzheimer's at about the relatively young age of 60. Although it started with small signs—forgetting what she was doing and losing her way home—the irreversible disease would change their lives forever.

Hedreen and her family made sure her mother got the medical care she needed, and provided her with caregiving, support and love as the brain disorder worsened. Despite their efforts, they were frustrated that there was little they could do to stem the tide of the illness itself. So, Hedreen and her sister decided to help their mother in another way—by enrolling in an Alzheimer's research study.

"While we can't cure my mother," Hedreen said, "I know that research is our best hope for preventing this disease in future generations."

Hedreen and her sister enrolled in an Alzheimer's research study at their local hospital. In the study, they donated time, blood and spinal fluid. Researchers explained that spinal fluid was the only way to obtain important information about the brain.

"The findings from this research may mean that perhaps my children, or their children, could be spared the ravages of Alzheimer's," Hedreen said.

Hedreen, a filmmaker, created the documentary "Quick Brown Fox," that told the story of her mother's Alzheimer's disease, and her family's experience as participants in Alzheimer's research. The film was nominated for an Emmy award.

Now, a major new research study is seeking people who want to help fight the disease. The Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative is the largest research study of its kind, and is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. The study will be conducted at 58 research sites across the United States and Canada, with 800 adults expected to enroll as study participants.

The goal of the study is to determine whether imaging of the brain (through MRI, or PET scans) every six months can help predict and monitor the onset and progression of Alzheimer's disease. In addition to neuroimaging, the study will collect and test blood and, for some participants, cerebral spinal fluid to determine if biomarkers can predict and monitor the disease.

Researchers are looking for participants who speak English or Spanish and are between the ages of 55 and 90. Participants should be in good general health, or in good health with some memory problems, or have a diagnosis of early Alzheimer's disease.

More information about the study is available at the Web site, www.alzheimers.org/imagine, or by calling 800-438-4380.

"Not everyone can write a large check to help Alzheimer's research, but people can contribute in a different, but equally important way—by being part of a research study," Hedreen said. "It was a small investment on my part, but I hope it will benefit thousands of people in the future. Perhaps most importantly, volunteering for research is a gift I can give in honor of my mother."

SEE YOUR DOCTOR

Preparing For Your Doctor Visit

(NAPS)—You get ready for a date. You prepare for meetings and presentations at work. But most people don't think to prepare for visits to the doctor. If you're one of them, you're missing out on an important way to help make sure you get the best possible health care.

One key to better health care is to make a list of the things you want to discuss with your doctor.

"I don't think any of us prepare for our medical visits, and I think that's a big mistake," Dr. Margarita Alegria, director of the Harvard-affiliated Center for Multicultural Mental Health Research at Cambridge Health Alliance, said at a recent talk at the National Institutes of Health. Alegria investigates disparities in mental health care services among people from different populations.

Research like Dr. Alegria's may lead to solutions to health disparities, but in the meantime, researchers do know that no matter what ethnic background you have, one key to getting good health care is good communication between you and your health professionals. You can do something about that right now.

The first step in good communication is finding a doctor you feel comfortable talking with. Talking about your health means sharing information about how you feel, both physically and emotionally. Having a good relationship with your main, or primary, doctor is one of the best ways to ensure your good health. This doctor knows you and your particular health history. He or she can help you make medical decisions that suit your values and can guide you toward other medical specialists and health care providers you may need.

A basic plan for your visit can also help:

✔ Before going to the doctor, make a list of the things you want to discuss.

✔ Think about how you're going to describe your symptoms.

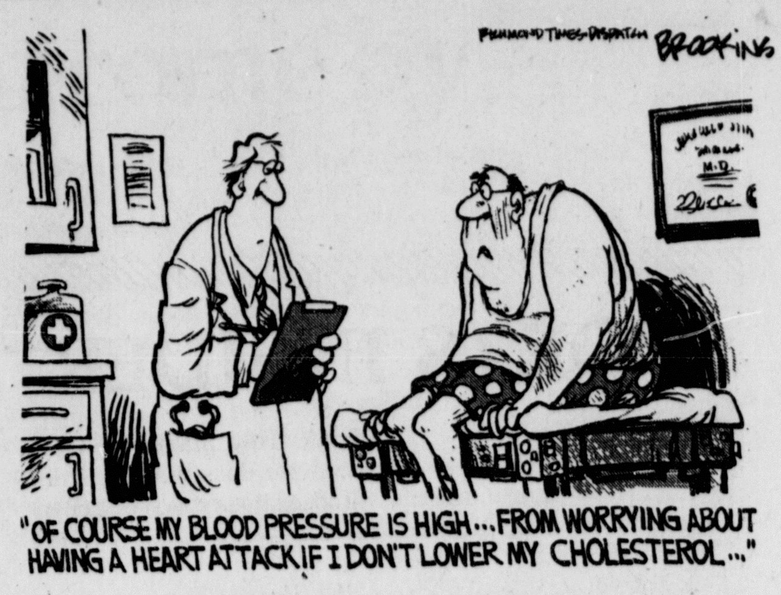
✔ Put your questions in order so you're sure to ask about the most important ones first.

✔ During your visit, make sure you understand what the medical tests you are getting are for.

✔ When a doctor makes a diagnosis, make sure you understand your condition and fully discuss your treatment options.

If you're not comfortable or unable to do these things yourself, consider bringing a family member or friend and let them know in advance what you want from your visit. Make sure you play your part to get the best health care possible.

- Adapted from NIH News in Health, a publication of the National Institutes of Health (newsinhealth.nih.gov).



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timing of the Broadway crossing "is closely related to the redevelopment of the 'Bluffs' area and its conversion from industrial use," he added. "The 'Bluffs' area is basically the South River Road area south of the Pioneer Bridge to the canal. If the (oil) tank farms get relocated and we complete the transaction to relocate the RMC cement plant, and we already know that the city sewer plant there is closing, then that's three of the most significant industrial uses in that region gone."

The Broadway crossing would connect higher uses – perhaps office, restaurant and residential uses – to the river.

"It would also provide a substantial additional benefit of taking pressure off of the Jefferson Boulevard freeway interchange. It would provide an alternate route for residents of Southport," he said.

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'ACROSS THE BRIDGE':

Events around the West Sac region

Genealogical society meets

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will meet at 1 p.m. on January 18th at the Colonial Heights Library, 4799 Stockton Boulevard in Sacramento. Speaker Catharine Hanson-Tracey will present the program "General Resources in the California Room in the State Library." Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information, call 682-8004.

Volunteers needed

Suicide Prevention will begin crisis line volunteer training on January 17th for their 24-hour crisis lines. From their Davis crisis center, volunteers provide telephone intervention to adults, teens, and families in need. Some of the requirements are that volunteers need to be at least 20 years of age, plan to be in the Yolo County area for the coming year, can allocate 4 hours a week to the crisis line and have an interest in helping people in crisis. Individuals with bilingual skills in Spanish are especially encouraged to consider this volunteer opportunity.

For interview schedules and additional information, or to obtain an application packet, please call 530-756-7542.

CCC hiring sessions

The California Conservation Corps is currently holding weekly Sacramento information sessions for young people interested in joining the outdoor program. The sessions are each Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the CCC's Sacramento headquarters, 1719 24th Street. Parents are also welcome to attend.

The Corps hires young people between the ages of 18 and 25 for a year of natural resource work and emergency response. Corps members build parks and trails, plant trees, improve wildlife habitat and respond to floods and fires. Interested applicants should bring a photo ID and Social Security card or birth certificate. For more information, call 341-3266.

Wildlife tours

The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge will be giving free docent guided walks beginning at 7:30 in the morning on January 14, 15, and 28. The January 15 date will be a birding tour to parts of the refuge normally closed. RSVP is required (775-4421).

To reach the refuge trail head, take Interstate 5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exist, turn west, and park; the refuge trail head is adjacent to the highway.

Down syndrome information

The Down Syndrome Information Alliance Education Series features programs on the first Tuesday of each month with the hope of improving the knowledge of individuals and families affected by Down syndrome. Experts in education, advocacy, health care, etc., make presentations and a free light dinner and childcare is provided. The Down Syndrome Information Alliance meets at the Sutter Cancer Center, 2800 L Street in Sacramento. For more information, call 658-1686 or visit www.downsyndromeinfo.org.

Monthly car sell and swap

On the first Saturday of every month, the Towe Auto Museum holds their monthly car sell and swap. Car-for-sale space is $15. The museum is located at 2200 Front Street (just off Broadway) in Sacramento. For more information, call 442-6802.

Alzheimer's society meets

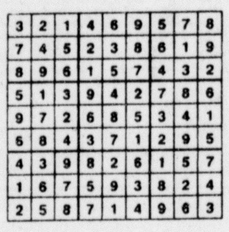
The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in January at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

Widowed persons meet

The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

For more information, call 972-9722.

ANSWERS to Sports Quiz (P. 3) & Puzzles (P. 8)



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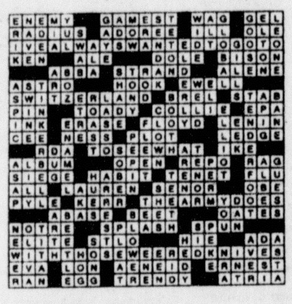

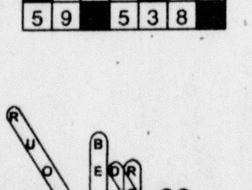

Answers

1. Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz of Boston in 2004.
2. One — Alex Rodriguez achieved the feat in 2005.
3. In 1993, the Buffalo Bills were 12-4, which followed a 1992 season in which they were 11-5 and lost Super Bowl XXVII.
4. It was 1999.
5. Three — 1995, 2000, 2003.
6. The International Winter Sports Week.
7. Only once in 12 appearances.

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Soccer News

The United States and the Mexican National soccer teams have announced they bring two World Cup tune up games to the Bay Area. Mexico will play Norway on January 25 at Monster Park and the U.S. will play on February 10th against Japan at SBC Park. Also for die-hard Mexican Soccer fans, America will tangle with their Mexican League rival Atlas on Sunday, January 15th at Monster Park

The California Cougars (1-11) finally won their first game of the season against the Chicago Storm before a crowd of 4,243 on Saturday night at Stockton's new indoor arena. The Cougars needed an overtime goal to win 5-4 and put them in the winning column for the first time this season in the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL). The Cougars next home game is scheduled on Martin Luther King Monday, January 16th at 4:00 p.m. at the Stockton Arena. Checkout the Cougars website at www.californiacougars.net for stadium directions and ticket information.

Enjoy your day – see ya next week!

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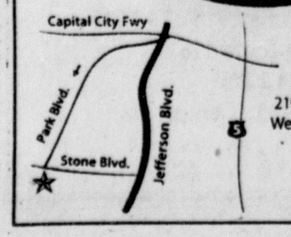

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POLICE LOG

Jan. 7, 2:14 a.m.

An officer contacted a 39-year old Sacramento man stopped in his car in the middle of the street near Vermont St. and 17th. A records check showed the man was on searchable probation – and a search turned up a small box in the man's jacket pocket. In the box were two baggies of a substance that turned out to be 0.8 grams of methamphetamine. The man was booked.

Jan. 7, 1:48 a.m.

A carjacking was reported at a nightspot on the 2300 block of West Capitol. A group of men reportedly pulled the victim from his pickup truck and assaulted him before driving off westbound on West Capitol in the man's vehicle.

Jan. 7, 8:39 a.m.

A rear license plate was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Balsam Street.

Jan. 7, 9:36 a.m.

A 22-year old south-area man who was in a dating, living-together relationship with a woman, threw a drinking glass at the woman during an argument. The glass shattered, injuring her. The man was arrested.

Jan. 7, 9:49 a.m.

A Chevy pickup truck was reported stolen during the last 10 minutes from a business on the 500-block of West Capitol Avenue. The car was last seen fleeing across Tower Bridge into Sacramento.

Jan. 7, 8:51 a.m.

A 51-year old man was reported to have been found dead at a residence on Franklyn Way. The man had suffered from health problems and the death was apparently of natural causes.

Jan. 7, 10:03 a.m.

A Kauai Road resident reported that someone had stolen the garage door opener, then opened the garage door and got inside. A neighbor said he had seen the crime and called police around 4:30 a.m., but police were unable to find a record of the call. It was unknown what was missing from the garage.

Jan. 7, 11:03 a.m.

A phone company worker reported seeing a man exposing himself to children. The suspect was seen on foot near Arlington Road. Police contacted the suspect, a severely handicapped teen, and located the teen's parents. The victims did not wish to prosecute.

Jan. 7, 12:06 p.m.

A 27-year old man was involved in a traffic collision, then seen carrying a handgun in the restroom of a fast food restaurant near Harbor and West Capitol. Police arrested the man, a Sacramento gang member, and found a loaded handgun and cocaine.

Jan. 7, 2:50 p.m.

A 54-year old West Capitol Ave. man was arrested at a motel on the 1000-block of West Capitol, after he reportedly pulled a rifle on his soon-to-be-ex wife and kids, threatening to kill the woman.

Jan. 7, 5:34 p.m.

Two vehicles on Bodega Bay Road were reported burglarized. CDs were taken.

Jan. 7, 6:59 p.m.

A Garnet Street woman reported that someone knocked on her door, but when she answered no one was there. On the porch, though, were two bicycles left by someone.

Jan. 7, 7:39 p.m.

On Lighthouse Drive, a man was reported to be pepper-spraying people in a residence, including about six children. Victims were reportedly experiencing pain in their eyes and faces.

Jan. 7, 10:44 p.m.

A 2001 Pontiac Firebird was reported to have been stolen from Andrus Island Court.

Jan. 8, 12:06 p.m.

A west-area woman asked police to stand by while she removed belongings from her home. She didn't feel safe doing so without protection, because her sister would be at the location.

Jan. 8, 2:18 p.m.

A Central West Sacramento area man reported his 14-year old daughter missing. The previous night, said the man, he had chased a boy out of her bed, and this morning, the man and daughter argued. While the man was waiting for police, the man was then pepper-sprayed by juveniles. This resulted in a second police report.

Jan. 8, 4:56 p.m.

In Southport, a neighbor reported that there was a physical fight between a mother and her 12-year old daughter who had mental issues. A neighbor was summoned to help control the girl.

Ahead in local government

The **West Sacramento City Council** will meet in public session at 7 p.m. tonight at 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

Agenda items include:

Acceptance of completion of the Jefferson Boulevard Widening Project, Phase 2, completed by the Granite Construction Company; approval of a contract with Applied Development Economics for grant-writing services; purchase of a police vehicle to replace one damaged in an accident; approval of new city fee schedules; and other items.

The **school board of the Washington Unified School District** will meet in open session at 7 p.m. Thursday at city hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Agenda items include:

Before, that, the school board will discuss litigation and liability claims (including two filed against the district by former RCHS principal Mort Geivett and former RCHS athletic director Scott Seffens, and one by a school accountant).

In open session, discussion items include a salary increase for children's center and preschool teachers; approval of a search firm to look for a new school district superintendent; budget revisions; personnel policy revisions, and a collective bargaining proposal for 2006/07 involving the district's teachers.

The governing board of the **Port of Sacramento** is planning to meet on Wed., Jan. 18, in the evening. Early details are not available, but the discussion is expected to include consideration of a "memorandum of understanding" with the Port of Oakland for local port operations.

OBITUARIES
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and Travis; and the great grandfather of seven. He was a native of Parral Chihuahus, Mexico, and a 52-year resident of West Sacramento.

Alfredo was a jack of all trades plying his hands in mining, plumbing, carpentry or most anything that needed to be done. He was also a member and past treasurer of the Comite Mexicano De Beneficencia #5.

Friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial to be offered on Saturday, January 14, 2006, at 11:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Chapel on the grounds of St. Mary's Cemetery in Sacramento. Visitation hours will be from 1-8 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2006, in the River Cities Funeral Chapel, 910 Soule Street in West Sacramento.

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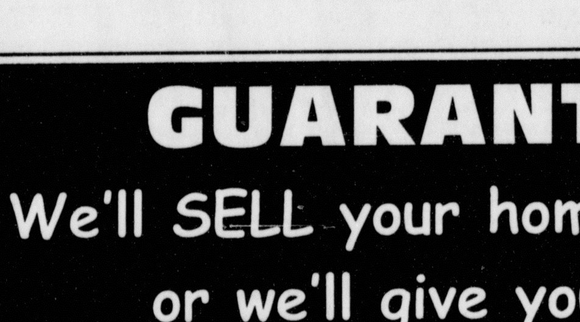
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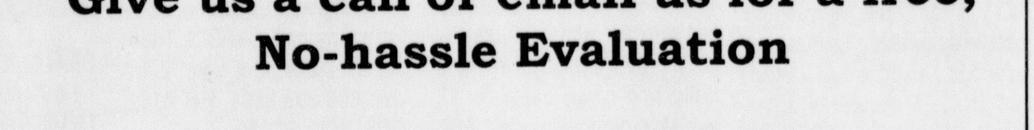
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Project Area Committee Meeting Dates

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Monday, Jan. 23, 2006 - Continued review of amendment-related items

Monday, Feb. 13, 2006 - PAC recommendation on the proposed amendment

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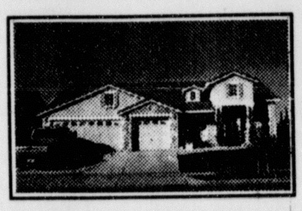

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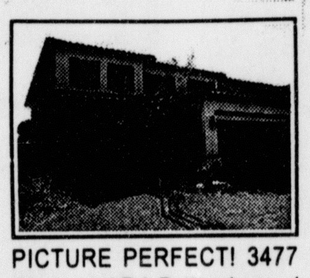

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APARTMENTS

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—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Flipping the switch, and other observations

Your city government – as well as those of Davis and Woodland, and leaders of Yolo County – would like to "flip the switch" and bring SMUD on board to provide electric service. This is fine with the board of directors of the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District, too. A SMUD study says that everyone – new hookups and older SMUD customers will gain from this "annexation."

The proposed change isn't, of course, fine with PG&E, your current provider.

The thing to watch is whether this thing gets forced into public votes on both sides of the river. PG&E would like to see the issue fought over not only by SMUD's current ratepayers, but by those voters in Yolo whose leaders have already made a decision in favor of the switch. In such votes, the resulting campaigns will be vigorous and one-sided – perhaps even dirty. A lot of this is due to the difference between the two:

SMUD is a customer-owned special district – a kind of local government. Being a government agency certainly has its "down side," but at least SMUD is not motivated by the goal of separating its customers from as much of their money as possible.

PG&E is a private company, responsible to shareholders and motivated by profit, while holding its market position without the checks and balances brought by traditional competition. Its campaigning won't be constrained by the rules and niceties which will restrict the campaigning on the other side by SMUD. And PG&E would not only like to block the "annexation" of Yolo, it would also like to send a message of warning to other jurisdictions thinking of turning off PG&E: "try it, and we'll make it hurt."

Now, it could be that reason and informed democracy will triumph from upcoming special elections on the SMUD annexation issue. That wouldn't exactly be a "first." But it would be a surprise.

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The News-Ledger doesn't have any statistics to back up this observation. But judging from the items in recent police reports, it looks like those of you in the newer, fairly affluent parts of Southport have good reason to lock your cars, deadbolt your doors and install alarms and motion-detector lighting.

It seems like there is a lot of mischief going on in your neighborhoods at night – including a good share of the city's auto burglaries and thefts.

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The agenda for the newest Washington Unified School District's school board meeting contains a lot more detail and clarity than the public around here is used to. Could this truly be the beginning of a new era of openness, professionalism and governmental transparency?

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Letters to the Editor

Keep church and state separated

In the letter to the editor last week entitled "Intelligent Design" the writer seemed to imply that anybody who wishes to wonder and research whether there's an "immeasurable power greater than themselves" is somehow prohibited from doing so because it is not taught in public school. Why not study while at the library or at home, say? This is still a free country, for a little while longer anyway, so why couldn't they wonder and research all they want there? Also, to imply that any person who believes in the separation of church and state is a nonbeliever is misleading. Many religious and non-religious Americans understand the danger of mixing religious views, especially extreme right-wing religious views, with our government and public education. Most parents want their kids taught how to respect the rights and choices of others, learn to love rather than hate, to be inclusive rather than exclusive.

The writer used the term "religion/ethics", apparently implying that they are one in the same. Since when are right-wing religious views equal to ethics? As a matter of fact, since the balance of power in Washington has shifted to the Republican party, through the manipulation of religious right-wing voters, we have seen a huge increase in government and corporate corruption, both Democratic and Republican. The use of the term "religion/ethics" is just like the term "intelligent design", a smokescreen. What is really wanted is the right-wing agenda taught in our public schools.

By the way, if you look to Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell or Ralph Reed and their ilk as your shining lights on ethics, I say beware of the Devil posing as a reverend. After all, what better form for the Devil to take than that of a reverend, if you want to manipulate and deceive your flock. The views advertised by the extreme right should not be something most good parents want taught to their children. These men are con men, nothing more, nothing less.

TIM McKINNON
West Sacramento

New branches of government

At various levels of government, we have three branches, executive, legislative, and judicial, although much fewer city courthouses now exist, as many were consolidated into county systems since Prop. 13, causing local governments to tighten their money belts and develop various supplemental methods of financing. But since 9/11, two more so-called branches have become apparent — the military-industrial complex, which makes many times higher profits during wartime than during peace, and the lobbying branch.

Let's admit it, lobbying (giving money so lawmakers will vote the way lobbyists want) should be better controlled since too often laws reflect wishes of big money donators, not the majority of voters who elect our legislators.

Finally, Governor Arnold proclaims our state should issue bonds to finance our state's many major yet-funded needs, but he steadfastly opposes any tax increases. But whether higher taxes or more bonds, taxpayers still pay. Any formula for our state's financial sovereignty should include hiring more auditors to finally audit big businesses' tax returns which should net our state over $5 billion annually with no tax increase. If they cry "double taxation", let them forfeit the limited liability that corporate form of business offers.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

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Julian R. Youmans, 44124 Greenview Dr., El Macero CA 95618.

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/sJulian R. Youmans.

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The following person is doing business as Anderson Court, 1080 Olive Dr., Davis CA 95616:

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The following person is doing business as Hayes Feed & Supply, 236 West Main Street, Woodland CA 95695:

Marcia Hayes, 809 W. Southwood, Woodland CA 95695.

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/s/Marcia Hayes

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The following person is doing business as Fernandez Barragan & Associates, 2568 Industrial Blvd., Suite 105, West Sacramento CA 95691; mailing: PO Box 911, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Jesus Fernandez, Jr., 3338 Malcolm Island St., West Sacramento CA 95691.

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/s/Jesus Fernandez, Jr.

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The following person is doing business as 2 Rivers Art Studios, 518 Glide Ave., Suite N, West Sacramento CA 95691.

Dede deGraffenried, Stuart Dubois, Suzanne Gerttula, Ann Jackson, Nikki Mizwinski, Eli Pitts, John Sitts, Linnea Wong, all at 518 Glide Ave., Suite N, West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Association other than a Partnership.

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/s/Valerie Clinton

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The following person is doing business as Sundance Car Wash, 420 Pioneer Avenue, Woodland CA 95776; mailing: 9845 Sierra College Blvd., Roseville CA 95661-5925:

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/s/Rick Baldaramos
President
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The following person is doing business as EcosRios, 518 Glide Ave., Suite N, West Sacramento CA 95691:

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/s/John Sitts

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan 4, 2006
by: /s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the property described below will be sold as is at public sale February 2, 2006 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at Space 78, Westwind Estates located at 1399 Sacramento Avenue, West Sacramento, California in order to satisfy the lien claimed by the owner of the above mentioned mobilehome park for storage and other related charges incurred by Eloisa Magana, Yarely Magana, Gil Magana, Priscilla Magana, Santiago Gonzales and Magdalena Magana. The sale will be free and clear of all claims, liens and encumbrances of record except for possible liens of unpaid mobilehome registration fees and unpaid taxes, if any. The Creditor reserves the right to require the removal of the unit from the Westwind Estates within 48 hours after the sale. In the event that this right is not exercised, prospective purchasers who desire to reside in the unit on-site are cautioned to be familiar with California Civil Code Section 798.74 and 798.75. Prospective purchasers must tender a cashier's check for the full amount of the purchase immediately at the conclusion of the sale. Except for the warranty that this sale is authorized by law, absolutely no warranties of sale are made. The park reserves the right to postpone and reschedule the sale without further notice. The general public will have access to the Mobilehome Park premises for purposes related to the sale.

A description of the property to be sold is:

One (1) 1988 Fleetwood HM Inc Sunpointe Single Family Mobilehome; California HCD Decal No.: LAM9518; Serial Nos.: CAFLJ17A09747ST & CAFLJ17B09747ST; HUD Label/Insignia Nos.: RAD468050 & RAD468051; Length 60'; Width: 28'.

NOTE: The creditor claiming this lien will make a minimum opening credit bid of at least $4,322.53.

DATED: Jan. 6, 2006
/s/Michael W. Mihelich
Attorney for Westwind Estates

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 20, 2005
File No. 2005-1329

The following person is doing business as Corcoran Lane Pastures, 34255 Corcoran Hill Lane, Davis CA 95616:

Carolyn Penny and Greg Miller, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 20, 2005.

/s/Carolyn Penny
/s/Greg Miller.

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec. 20, 2005
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission staff will conduct the following public meetings to receive comments on the DRAFT Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Sphere of Influence Amendment and Annexation of the Cities of Woodland, Davis and West Sacramento, and Portions of the Unincorporated Territory of Yolo County (05-05).

Wednesday, January 18, 2006
5:30 P.M.
Community Chambers
City Hall
CITY OF DAVIS
23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, CA.

Wednesday, January 25, 2006
5:30 P.M.
Board Chambers
Yolo County Administration Building
625 Court Street, Room #204
Woodland, CA

Thursday, January 26, 2006
5:30 P.M.
West Sacramento Civic Center
First Floor, Galleria Conference Room 1110 West Capital Avenue
West Sacramento, CA

Wednesday, February 1, 2006
Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission Meeting
5:30 P.M., Board Chambers,
Sacramento County Administration Center
700 H Street, Sacramento, CA

For further information, please contact Peter Brundage, Executive Officer, Sacramento LAFCo, (916) 874-6458.

The Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission will discuss the Proposed Sacramento Municipal Utility District Sphere of Influence Amendment and Annexation of the Cities of Woodland, Davis and West Sacramento and Portions of the Unincorporated Territory of Yolo County (05-05) at a meeting scheduled for:

Monday, January 23, 2006
9:00 A.M.
Yolo County Administration Building
625 Court Street, Room #204
Woodland, CA

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Elizabeth Kemper, Executive Officer, Yolo LAFCo, (530) 666-8048.

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Enough shovels of earth —a mountain. Enough pails of water—a river.
—Chinese proverb

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PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

IT'S TOO COLD IN HERE, SIM! WE'VE GOT TO TURN THE HEAT UP!
NOPE! TOO EXPENSIVE! GO PUT ANOTHER SWEATER ON.
I CAN'T--JUNE'S GOT 'EM ALL!
MARLAND
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

HE WAS ABOUT YEAH BIG AND MADE OF PLASTIC. HE DIDN'T SPEAK BUT HE MADE AN EERIE PERKING SOUND THE MADDER HE GOT...
THE DAY MR. COFFEE TRASHED A STARBUCKS
KOPERVAS

Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps

IT'S WONDERFUL TO GET AWAY FOR AN EVENING.
YOUR ENTRÉES WILL BE RIGHT UP SIR.
I HOPE EHTHAL AND GERALD ARE HAVING FUN.
BET DAD COULD GET HER A SHOT ON NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC.
MUNCH MUNCH
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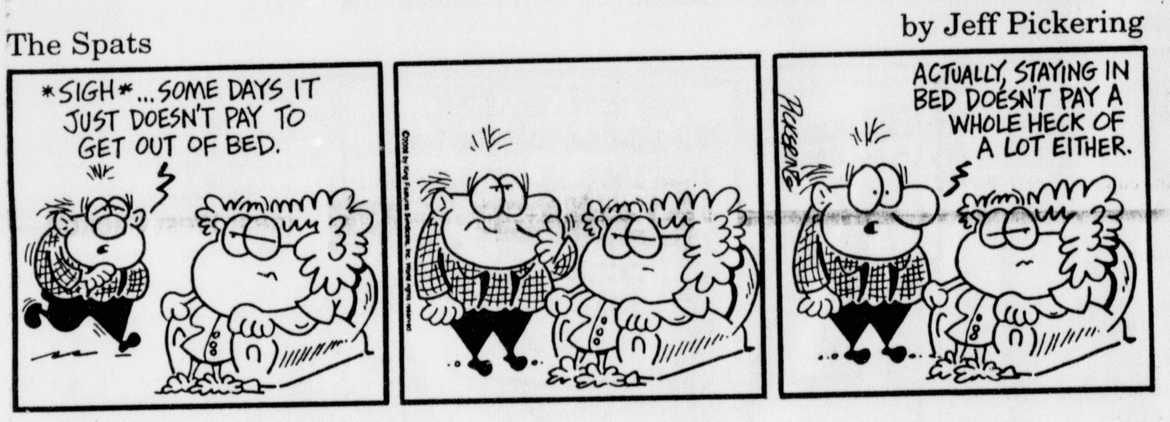
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering


SIGH...SOME DAYS IT JUST DOESN'T PAY TO GET OUT OF BED.
ACTUALLY, STAYING IN BED DOESN'T PAY A WHOLE HECK OF A LOT EITHER.
PICKERING

POPEYE
Hey EISMAN
SUFFERIN' SUNFISH...
ME MOTOR-SICKLE'S MISSIN'
NO IT AIN'T
IT AIN'T IN TH' GARAGE!
...IT'S AT TH' SUPERMARKET PARKIN' LOT!
WOT TH'@!#*© IS IT DOIN' THERE?
I DROVE IT THERE
WOT FER?
TA SHOP FER FOOD, DUMMY
SO WHY DIN'T YA RIDE IT BACK?
I COULDN'T DO THAT...
...SO I TOOK A BUS!
SO WOT HAPPEN'D TA ME SICKLE?
BEFORE I TELL YA THAT, LEMME TELL YA TH' GOOD NEWS...
...INSURANCE WILL COVER IT!
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Super Crossword

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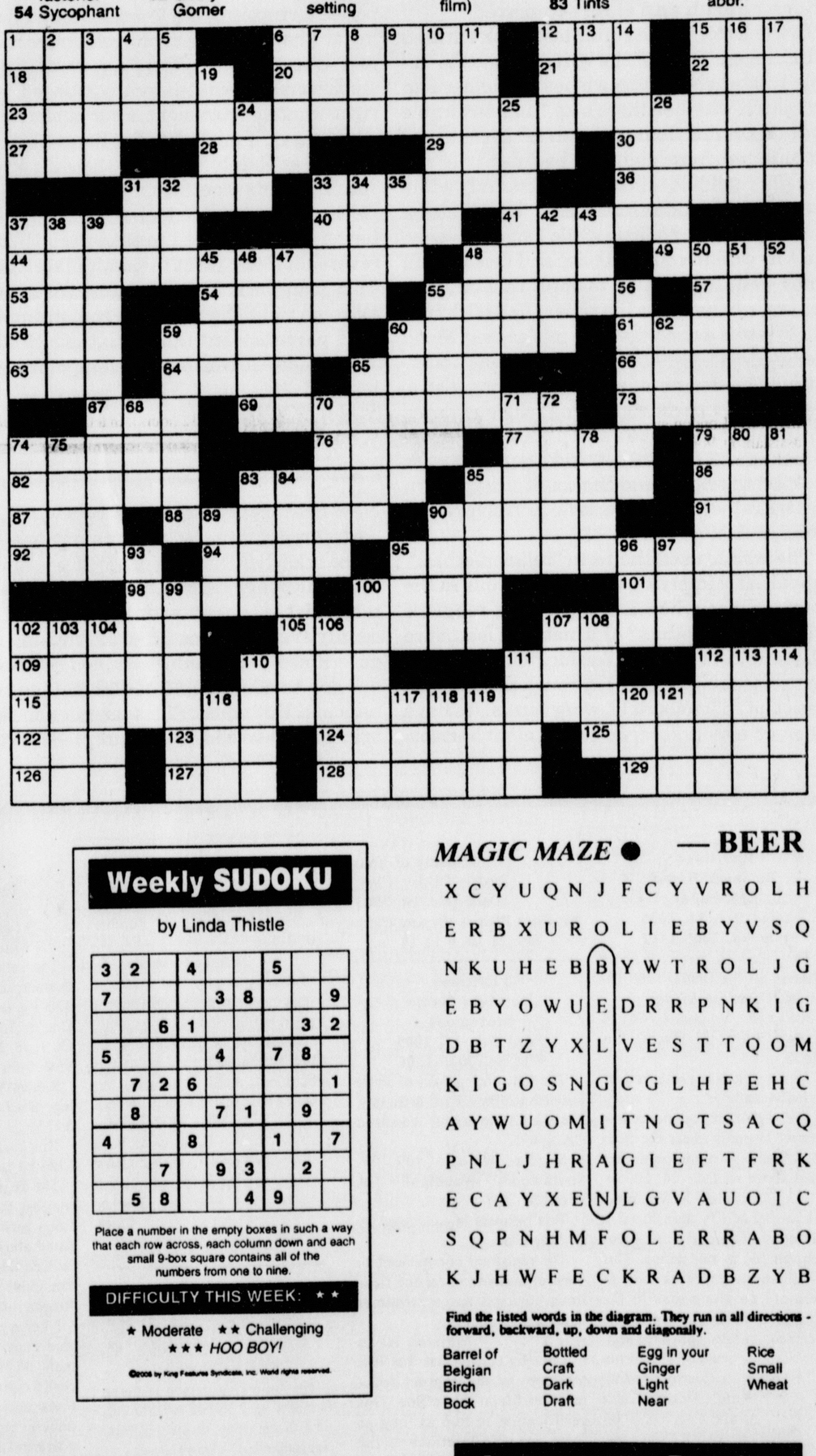
ACROSS
1 Foe
6 Most adventurous
12 Samoyed's smile?
15 Solidify
18 Half the diameter
20 Actress Renee
21 Unwell
22 Castilian cry
23 Start of a remark by Billy Connolly
27 He's a doll
28 Maugham's "Cakes and —"
29 Ration, with "out"
30 Shaggy ruminant
31 Eban of Israel
33 Maroon
36 Coeur d'—, ID
37 The Jetsons' dog
40 Boxing blow
41 Torn of "Adam's Rib"
44 Part 2 of remark
48 Songwriter Jacques
49 Pierce
53 Corsage fastener
54 Sycophant
55 Border —
57 Antipollution grp.
58 Squid's squirt
59 Undo an error
60 Rock's Pink —
61 October Revolution name
63 Average grade
64 Stack role
65 Conspire
66 Narrow shelf
67 Vitamin bottle abbr.
69 Part 3 of remark
73 Presidential nickname
74 Philatelist's need
76 Frank
77 "— Man" ('84 film)
79 Cleaning cloth
82 Castle campaign
83 Custom
85 Belief
86 Viral illness
87 Everything
88 Bacall or Chapin
90 Paraguayan title
91 UK honor
92 Goofy Gomer
94 Gourmet Graham
95 Part 4 of remark
98 Humble
100 It may get pickled
101 Hall's partner
102 — Dame
105 Cavort in the pool
107 Made cotton candy
109 The chosen few
110 WWII site
111 Rush
112 Periodontists' org.
115 End of remark
122 Zsa Zsa's sister
123 Actor Chaney
124 Virgilian epic
125 Vintner Gallo
126 Fled
127 Word with roll or cream
128 In
129 Architectural features

DOWN
1 Estrada or Satie
2 Church area
3 Genesis setting
4 "Cara —" ('65 hit)
5 Brynner of "Taras Bulba"
6 Motown's Marvin
7 Pitches
8 Trim the turf
9 Baseball stat
10 Children's author Maurice
11 Rocky Mountain range
12 Extensive
13 Cockpit fig.
14 Worldwide
15 Gaggle gal
16 Singer John
17 Sierra —
19 Clean the decks
24 In the manner of
25 Like Nestor
26 Flounder features
31 — deco
32 Singer Scaggs
33 TV's "Evening —"
34 With 103 Down, baseball's '64 Rookie of the Year
35 Poet McKuen
37 "A Dandy in —" ('68 film)
38 Oinkers
39 Barrie sprite
42 Put the metal to the metal
43 Biblical priest
45 To be, in Toulouse
46 Poke fun at the famous
47 Range rope
48 Shirley of "Hazel"
50 Novice
51 Make — of oneself
52 Bete noire
55 Circus performer
56 "Mama" Cass
59 Kind of paint
60 Armada
62 Cartoon cry
65 Charlemagne's dad
68 Excavated
70 Reserved
71 Where Devils fight Flames
72 High-toned guy?
74 PDQ, politely
75 Mrs. Munster
78 It'll curl your hair
80 Dramatist Edward
81 Risk an opinion
83 Tints
84 Cuffs
85 Saw features
89 Record abbr.
90 Hens and pens
93 "— Angel" ('55 hit)
95 Something for two
96 "— don't say!"
97 Blocker or O'Herlihy
99 Firefly, for one
100 Lawn cleaner
102 More up-to-date
103 See 34 Down
104 Big guy
106 Skirt feature
107 Silly Caesar
108 Pedigreed pooch
110 Ballad or barcarole
111 Actress Lamarr
112 Maintain
113 Actor Amaz
114 Hammett hound
116 Grab all the goodies
117 Vane letters
118 Velvet finish
119 Free (of)
120 Pro-gun org.
121 Bankbook abbr.



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

3	2		4			5		
7				3	8			9
		6	1				3	2
5				4		7	8	
	7	2	6					1
	8			7	1		9	
4			8			1		7
		7		9	3		2	
	5	8			4	9		

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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MAGIC MAZE ● — BEER

X C Y U Q N J F C Y V R O L H
E R B X U R O L I E B Y V S Q
N K U H E B B Y W T R O L J G
E B Y O W U E D R R P N K I G
D B T Z Y X L V E S T T Q O M
K I G O S N G C G L H F E H C
A Y W U O M I T N G T S A C Q
P N L J H R A G I E F T F R K
E C A Y X E N L G V A U O I C
S Q P N H M F O L E R R A B O
K J H W F E C K R A D B Z Y B

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Barrel of	Bottled	Egg in your	Rice
Belgian	Craft	Ginger	Small
Birch	Dark	Light	Wheat
Bock	Draft	Near	

Answers to Puzzles Page 4

FLASH GORDON
Character Profile:
PRINCE THUN
SON OF KING JUGRID
ONE OF THE FIRST OF THE PLANET MONGO'S HOSTILE INHABITANTS TO BEFRIEND FLASH.
FLASH GORDON BY JIM KEEFE
THE DELEGATES WATCH IN HORROR AS FLASH IS PULLED UNDER THE WATER'S SURFACE.
IT'S...TOO LATE TO SAVE HIM. DROP THE WIRE, TYREE. ELECTROCUTE THE MONSTER!
NOT YET...
...NOT IF FLASH STILL LIVES!
SHE'S DONE FOR, THUN.
QUICKLY, BEFORE THE CREATURE CAN STRIKE AGAIN...
NO...
...WE WAIT.
DROP THE WIRE!
TO BE CONT'D..!
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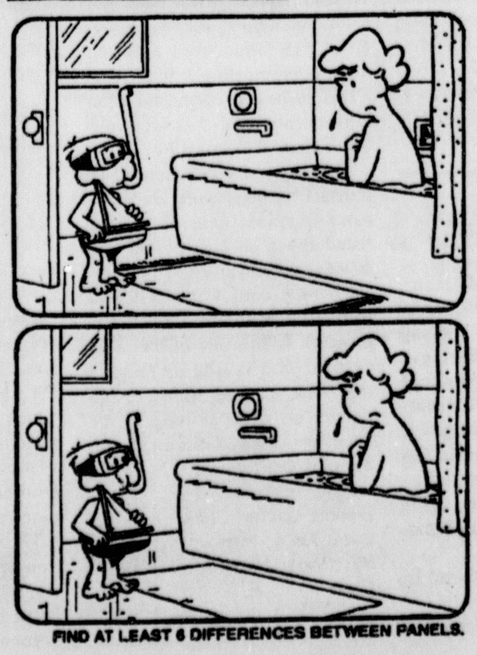
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

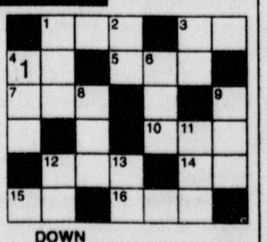


FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
3. Five times 14-Across
4. The last digit is three times the first digit
5. One-third of 8-Down
7. 4-Down plus 9-Down
10. Eight less than 5-Across
12. Six more than 6-Down
14. The last digit is four times the first digit
15. Digits of 13-Down reversed
16. The last digit is the sum of the other digits

DOWN
1. One more than 16-Across
2. Ten more than 4-Across
3. One more than 3-Across
4. 3-Across plus 13-Down
6. One-third of 7-Across
8. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
9. Two more than 1-Across
11. Two times 15-Across
12. Six more than 2-Down
13. 11-Down minus 2-Down

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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER
By DNA Smith

"Fun With Dick and Jane"

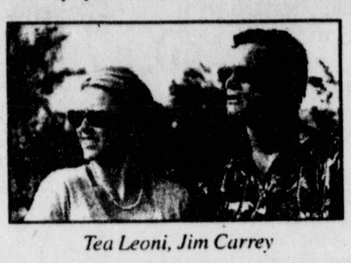
Running time: 90 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

Jim Carrey and Tea Leoni star in "Fun With Dick and Jane," an allegedly screwball comedy that is more predictable and preachy than it is fun.

Set in the year 2000, Dick and Jane Harper (Carrey and Leoni) are an upwardly mobile yuppie couple surrounded by all the trappings of their class: a pricey German car, huge house, a Latina housekeeper who spends more time with their son than the parents do (and as a result, the boy speaks with a Spanish accent) and equally competitive neighbors.

Their lives get thrown into turmoil when Dick's company, Globodyne (a thinly disguised metaphor for Enron), goes belly up and the CEO beats feets with $400 million. The Harper's entire financial stability rested on company stock, so they find themselves careening toward poverty. Their electricity is turned off, and in one of the funnier bits of the film, their lawn is repossessed. When Tea Leoni turns to Carrey and says, blankly, "I didn't know you could repo a lawn," it is a beautiful piece of comic timing and delivery — and a reminder of what a great comedic duo they are and how their talents are wasted in this film.

Driven to the brink, Dick and Jane turn to a life of crime. The montage sequence showing how they become more brazen and baroque in their robberies is also a bit of fun, but too short. It's a pity, because the final act of the



Tea Leoni, Jim Carrey

film is a boring, sometimes confusing caper involving revenge and Robin Hoodism that is more laughable than comedic.

"Fun With Dick and Jane" is a see-it-at-a-matinee kind of movie. It's got just enough good stuff to kill 90 minutes and not feel cheated, but isn't good enough for full price.

GRADE: C

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK
by Philomena Corradeno

COOKING FOR JUST YOURSELF? READ ON

Because she believes the person who dines alone deserves "a break from yet another takeout meal or frozen entree," Toni Lydecker decided it was time for a second edition of "Serves One" (Lake Isle Press, $16.95). Even if you only occasionally have a meal for just yourself, you'll welcome the good advice and recipes in this 200-page softcover.

These are dishes you'd be proud to serve to guests. Prep time for most is 5 to 10 minutes, with most cook times ranging from 10 to 45 minutes.

Toni lays out strategies for cooking for one, so meals are never boring, and you don't eat the same meal two or three days in a row. She offers lists of foods to stock pantry and fridge, as well as handy kitchenware.

Here are a couple of Toni's dishes that will make you feel you're eating in a fine restaurant — without the distractions. The Chicken and Baby Bok Choy Stir-Fry is prepared in 10 minutes, and cooking time is 5 minutes. Serve it over rice. Prep time for the salmon packet is 5 minutes, and bake time is 12 minutes. Make individual packets if you're having company.

CHICKEN AND BABY BOK CHOY STIR-FRY

- *4 to 5 ounces boneless, skinless chicken thigh or breast, sliced into strips or 1-inch chunks*
- *1/2 teaspoon minced or pressed garlic*
- *1/2 teaspoon grated ginger root*
- *1/4 cup water or chicken broth*
- *1 tablespoon Chinese oyster sauce*
- *2 teaspoons vegetable oil*
- *1 1/2 cups chopped baby bok choy or watercress*

Place chicken in small bowl. With hand or spatula, mix in garlic and ginger (at this point, the chicken can be covered and refrigerated for up to 12 hours). In a liquid measuring cup, combine water with oyster sauce.

Heat oil in a medium wok or skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and stir-fry until it loses the raw look, about 2 minutes. Add oyster-sauce mixture and continue to stir-fry for a couple of minutes until the chicken is cooked through. Add bok choy and cook a minute or two until just tender (if using watercress, cook a few seconds until slightly wilted). Serves 1.

Optional Add-ins: Chopped scallion, peanuts or cashews

SALMON PACKET WITH SICILIAN FLAVORS

- *5 ounce salmon filet*
- *Salt and freshly ground black pepper*
- *1/2 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil*
- *2-3 thin lemon slices*
- *3 oil-cured Sicilian olives or other small, flavorful olives, pitted and quartered*
- *1/2 teaspoon small capers, rinsed*

Preheat oven to 500 F (see Note*). Tear off a 12-inch square piece of aluminum foil and place it, shiny side down, on countertop (see Note**). Lay salmon filet in the center. Season to taste with salt and pepper, drizzle with olive oil, and arrange lemon slices on top. Scatter olives and capers around the salmon.

Draw together long edges of foil and fold over several times, crimping tightly to prevent leakage but leaving room inside packet for heat circulation; fold each remaining edge to seal in the same way.

Place packet on baking sheet. Cook for 12 minutes. Transfer packet to a dinner plate and let rest for a couple of minutes before opening. Makes 1 serving.

Notes: *Packet can also be cooked successfully in a toaster oven but will probably need a little more cooking time, about 5 minutes altogether.

**May also be enclosed in a square of parchment paper.

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CELEBRITY extra
by Evelyn Green

Q: I watch a series called "What Not to Wear," and I'd like to know what makes the two hosts, Stacy London and Clinton Kelly, qualified to be fashion experts? — *B. N.*

A: "What Not to Wear," which airs on the TLC channel, is based on the British series of the same name, which can be seen in the United States on BBC America. The two hosts, Stacy London and Clinton Kelly, have extensive credits in the fashion field.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Vassar with a double degree in 20th-century philosophy and German literature, London started as a fashion assistant at Vogue and went on to be fashion editor for Mademoiselle. She has also styled photo shoots for stars such as Katie Holmes and Liv Tyler.

Kelly was fashion editor for several magazines before moving to the post of executive editor of DNR, a weekly men's fashion and retail trade publication. He has also been an editor at Mademoiselle and Marie Claire. During the mid-'90s he brought his fashion expertise to QVC, which earned him recognition as one of that network's top hosts.

London and Kelly co-authored the well-received book, "Dress Your Best."

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Q: I have two questions about Kelly Ripa, who co-hosts the "Live With Regis and Kelly Show." The first is, how many children does she have, and does she plan to have another baby? And the second is, what is her family background? — *Karen H.*

A: Kelly Ripa, who also stars in ABC's "Faith and Hope" and co-starred with her husband, Mark Consuelos, in "All My Children," has three children. Ripa has told interviewers she would never rule out having more. She is of Italian descent.

Kelly Ripa

Q: Many years ago I saw a movie in which a black character is chained to a white character. I believe Sidney Poitier played the African-American, but I can't remember who played the white person. Also, I can't recall the movie's title. I hope you can help me. — *Sarah L.*

A: The film was the 1958 "The Defiant Ones." Tony Curtis played the white escaped convict who hates the black man he's chained to (Poitier), who, in turn, hates him. But they have to rely on one another to elude the police and survive. When they're finally unchained, they find their hate has been changed to respect and fellowship.

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Q: I would like to know if Dean Cain ("The Perfect Husband: The Laci Peterson Story") has any children. — *K. M.*

A: Cain has a 5-year-old son, Christopher Dean.

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**The cold was our pride,
the snow was our beauty.
It fell and fell, lacing day
and night together in a
milky haze, making
everything quieter as it
fell, so that winter
seemed to partake of religion in a way no other
season did, hushed,
solemn.**

—Patricia Hampl

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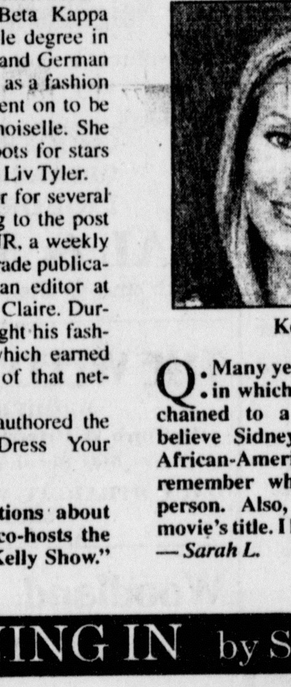
TUNING IN by Sally Stone

A Conversation With Jonathan Jackson

"A Little Thing Called Murder," a Lifetime Original Movie, premieres on Monday, Jan. 23. The film is based on the true story of the mother and son crime team, Sante and Kenny Kimes. These two traveled the country in the mid-1990s, pulling increasingly audacious financial scams and sometimes killing their conned victims along the way. The film focuses on the pair's criminal career and their twisted relationship. Emmy and Golden Globe-winner Judy Davis ("The Reagans") plays Sante. Jonathan Jackson ("The Deep End of The Ocean, "General Hospital") plays her youngest son, Kenny, who becomes her partner in crime.



Jonathan Jackson, who plays Kenny Kimes in "A Little Thing Called Murder," says the film proves truth is stranger than fiction.

"There were many times," Jackson says, "when I would think how unbelievable it was for a mother to involve her son in her crimes. I also thought how incredible it was that she was able to pull off her schemes, and that they literally got away with murder for a very long time until they were finally caught."

Jackson says while the pair's relationship was a strange one, he didn't think it was sexual. "I know many people interpreted it that way. But I didn't."

What Jackson saw was a strong mother with a son who would do anything to please her.

According to some reports, Sante took a chance in choosing Kenny as her partner. He was said to have been the weakest of her children and not always reliable. But Jackson disagrees: "I think she knew she could get him to do whatever she told him to do, and she was right."

He never questioned her, according to Jackson, and believed that mother knows best.

Jackson says you see in Kenny someone who didn't think for himself and relied on his mother to tell him what was right and what was wrong. And she did. But her "ethical" assessments came out of a convoluted value system in which she believed she was the victim and entitled to get her own back. It was only after they were arrested that Sante's hold on Kenny began to weaken.

"Before that, I'm sure that if Kenny ever slipped in his devotion to Sante," Jackson says, "she would have a way of regaining total control immediately."

Jackson says if he had a chance to talk to Kenny Kimes, he would want to know how difficult it was to ultimately break with her, and how he feels about it today.

As for what he hopes the audience will take from the film, Jonathan Jackson says, "The fact that evil exists where you least expect it. Most people who met Sante found her charming and warm, and that's what made it easy for her to turn them into her victims."

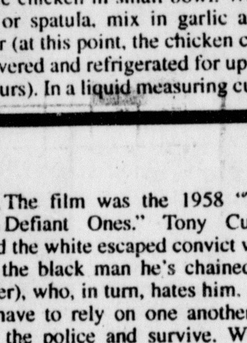
Kenny Kimes was also her victim. He lived in a world his mother created. That was their shared reality. It was only after the trial that he began to understand that her world wasn't real.

In Focus

Emmanuelle Vaugier ("Painkiller Jane," "Saw 2") reprises her role as Mia in a limited run arc on CBS's "Two and a Half Men."

Last season, Mia came into the life of bachelor Charlie Harper (Charlie Sheen).

"It was a very brief encounter," says Vaugier. "Charlie Harper is determined not to get married nor deeply involved with any one woman. I thought — and I'm sure so did the audience — that that episode would be the last. But it seems



Emmanuelle Vaugier

the show felt otherwise, so they asked me to come back."

The Vancouver-born Vaugier, whose family is from France, says she was delighted to be asked back. "It's a wonderful show to be on. Everyone is friendly, and we have a great time working together."

And while Vaugier can't reveal how Mia's return will eventually work out, she does say that in the course of their storyline, "Mia and Charlie learn a lot about each other."

Next for Emmanuelle Vaugier is "Unearthed," opposite **Luke Goss**.

DIAL TONE: Move over Indiana Jones — make room for **Josh Bernstein**.

On Monday, Jan. 23, the History Channel premieres a new series, "Digging for the Truth," which puts adventure back into archaeology. Explorer and survival expert Josh Bernstein travels the globe to find answers to archaeological mysteries such as finding the real Temple of Doom, or where the Queen of Sheba's kingdom was actually located. Bernstein gets actively involved in the explorations, including having to chase crocodiles on the Amazon River.

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Books

Party Girl
Sarah Mason
(Ballantine Books, $12.95)
Reviewed by Ealish Waddell

Usually Izzy loves her chaotic, creative job planning parties for London's rich and famous. But her latest assignment hits a little too close to home: The Monkwell estate, Pantiles, is hosting a charity ball, drawing Izzy back to the place where she spent such happy and horrible years in her childhood.

When they were kids, Simon Monkwell was her best friend in the world ... until he viciously turned on her. Years later the betrayal still stings as she reads about the now-famous Simon's ruthless exploits in the business world.

But Simon is safely out of the country chasing his latest hostile takeover, so Izzy sucks up her courage and goes to Pantiles. She is delighted to reconnect with the other members of the Monkwell family, who welcome her as one of their own, but she is appalled to see how shabby and rundown the family home has become, and to hear tales of Simon's miserly ways and cruel tendencies.

But just when she has written him off for good, Simon comes home — and Izzy learns that things are not always what they seem.

Like Sarah Mason's previous novels, "Party Girl" is a charming read. Izzy is smart and kindhearted, but still a genially average Everywoman, someone readers can relate to. Her cheerful best friend, her eccentric aunt and the boisterous Monkwells are amusing characters that are fun to be around. Sure, it's not too hard to guess where the plot is headed, but Mason always does a great job of finding interesting ways to get there.

"Party Girl" may be firmly in the romantic-comedy camp, but its wit and heart raise it a notch above the typical chick-lit novel.

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PAGE FROM THE PAST

THE INDEPENDENT — FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1916.

FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN PUPILS OF EIGHTH GRADE

SEVENTH GRADE CHILDREN DISTINGUISH THEMSELVES AS ENTERTAINERS.

Yesterday during the noon hour the pupils of the seventh grade sprung a surprise on the children who are about to graduate from the eighth grade.

Quietly those youngsters provided for a little feed and to make the occasion memorable invited all the teachers of the school as well as the former principal, Miss Carolyn Webb.

The ground floor room on the west side of the building had been tastefully decorated and when the least was ready thirty persons sat down to a neat banquet.

Pink and green were the prevailing colors. The decorations were pink and green. The ice cream was pink, the cake was pink, the lemonade and strawberries were pink and pink cheeks of pretty girls were the greatest attraction.

Speeches were made and prophesies were given as to the future of the members of the outgoing class. There was much fun and lots of laughter.

In behalf of the pupils of the eighth grade Roger Lindner, president of the class, thanked those who helped in the surprise in a neat speech.

The children of the eighth grade are R. D. Lindner, Lowell Russell, Salvador J. Ortiz, Sallie B. Russell, Ida B. Milton and Clara Stockton.

The principal, Miss Baker, was delighted with the manner in which the children conducted the affair.

The list of graduations in all the classes will be published in next week's Independent.

"JUST AS I AM" DANCE JUNE 17TH

The popular dance proposed by the Riverbank Improveemnt Club for the evening of Saturday, June 17th, promises to be a financial success, for many tickets have been sold, and the committee in charge is working hard to sell every ticket printed.

The proceeds of the dance will be devoted towards securing a fire bell for the district.

A sum of over $40 is already on hand, but a large bell is needed, hence the dance proposed for June 17th.

Nobody need be fastidious about what they wear at this community affair.

SERVICES IN RIVERBANK CHURCH ON SUNDAY

Next Sunday morning at 9 a. m. Rev. Father Wallrath of Woodland will officiate in the Catholic Church at Riverbank .

This will be the first service in the new building and all the residents of this district are invited to attend regardless of creed.

In the near future the building will be dedicated with imposing ceremonies.

OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED ON JUNE 20TH.

The nomination of officers for the Washington Improvement Club will be held on Tuesday evening, June 20th.

All members of the Club are requested to be present because a lively contest for officials for the coming six months is anticipated.

FARM BUREAU MEETING

The West Sacramento Unit of the Yolo County Farm Bureau will meet at Headquarters Building, West Sacramento, on Friday evening, June 9, at 8 p. m.

Remarks: A Horticulture Meeting.

left this morning for a trip to Mt. Lassen and vicinity. He was accompanied by Mrs. Ellis, mother of Mrs. Rickard, and Mrs. Crenshaw of Riverbank. They are traveling in Mr. Welch's car and expect to be gone about ten days. Mr. Welch took along a spade, ax, etc., though he tells us he is not a bit afraid of the volcano but is an enthusiastic preparedness advocate.

Road work in extension number one of Riverbank will be started early in July according to information received from the West Sacramento Company a few days ago.

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WASHINGTON WILL HAVE A FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION ALL BY ITSELF

DECISION REACHED AFTER MUCH THOUGHT AND SOME PIQUE AT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE YOLO CAUSEWAY CELEBRATION WAS HANDLED.

The Improvement Club of Washington will back up the local Volunteer Firemen in celebrating July Fourth at home, according to a decision reached last Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the Club.

Last year the Valunteer Firemen of Washington gave an exhibition drill and water fight which was enjoyed by hundreds of people from Sacramento and by every man, woman and child in Washington and the surrounding country.

The success of that affair induced the firemen to repeat the program and add to it, too, and the Washington Improvement Club decided that it would help out as far as possible to make the affair a success.

The decision was reached after a short discussion as to whether the people of Washington should attend the celebration in Sacramento or in Woodland.

Some people were inclined to blame the Sacramento committee for the break made in the causeway parade and some others were inclined to blame the Yolo County Committee of Arrangements.

No matter who was responsible, Washington was given the overlook and intends in future to do its own celebrating and hold its people at home on occasions like the Fourth of July.

The program made up for the firemen's entertainment on the Fourth has not yet been completed, but so far as formulated will consist of:

1st—A hose cart race between two teams of firemen, fourteen men to each team. Prize, $5 for the winner.

2d—A water fight between two teams of twenty-five men each side. Prize, $5.

3d—A tug-of-war between two teams of fifteen men each. Prize, $2.50.

In addition there will be a baseball game in the school grounds, which will be started about 9:30 a. m., and following which there will be several other sports which has not yet been scheduled.

A display of fireworks is also to be procured which will be shown either on the levee, south of the S. P. bridge or in the public school grounds.

Funds will be welcomed by the committee in charge of the celebration and the business men of the town, who have been solicited so far, have responded splendidly with donations. Any private citizen who sees fit to donate towards the celebration will be welcome, and many have so far signified their willingness to do what they can for a home celebration of the Fourth in Washington.

DEAL MAY MEAN MUCH IN FUTURE FOR WASHINGTON

TODHUNTER PROPERTY ON THE LEVEE ABOUT TO CHANGE TO NEW OWNERS

F. H. Todhunter, owner of valuable river front property, informed The Independent yesterday that he had practically closed a deal whereby he disposed of 320 feet of his property on the river front north of Ann street.

He was not at liberty to divulge the name of the agent, but said it was a Sacramento banker and his impression was that the real purchaser was the United States Government.

Todhunter declared too that he had received his full price or what he considered a fair price, although the amount could not be learned.

The plot sold by Todhunter is bounded by the river on the east, Second street on the west, and Elizabeth street on the north. Only that fronting on the river and extending half way to Second street was sold. He retains the Second street frontage.

Several houses formerly located on the property are being moved from the river front to Second street.

River front property in Washington has been considered valuable because little available space is left on the Sacramento side. It will be only a short time till all the Washington water front will be lined with wharves and the deal just made by Mr. Todhunter augurs well for much activity in the near future.

JUDGE BARRY HAD LIGHT STROKE OF PARALYSIS

IS AGAIN ON HIS FEET AND FEELING GREATLY IMPROVED.

On arising from his bed last Saturday morning Judge J. D. Barry felt a numbness in his right arm. He believed at first that he had lain on the member and thought the feeling would pass away in a few minutes. The feeling didn't pass, and soon a tingling and stiffness were felt in the right leg.

He knew then that he had suffered a light stroke of paralysis. A physician was called and the Judge was placed under treatment. Since then his condition has improved gradually, so that yesterday he was again able to go about his regular duties without trouble.

Judge Barry has been blessed with wonderful health till this time, and now at the age of 58 years he is robust above the average. His physician believes he will have no further trouble.

COMPLAINT ABOUT UNSANITARY VAULTS

Several people in the western end of town between Fourth and Sixth streets have made complaints about the fact that some vaults on private property are overflowing, to the disgust and discomfort of neighbors.

At the meeting of the Washington Improvement Club last Tuesday evening, it was decided to call the attention of the local health officer to this condition and requested that a remedy be found immediately.

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An election for three Levee ... tees to fill the places of those ... in the position will be held tomorrow in the Town Hall.

No notices of this election have been posted or sent out but nearly all the people are aware that tomorrow is a legal date on which the election should be held.

Prominent property owners are interested and have taken it on themselves to see that an election will be held, the legality of which may be questioned later, but it will provide at any rate for three trustees who will give attention to levee matters without fail.

The candidates who have announced themselves for tomorrow's election to succeed those now holding office are A. H. Wilson, W. R. Stockton and Annis Thomas. The retiring trustees are E. A. Palm, Wm. Wilson and Homer Lee.

During the past two months, or rather since the Front-street levee was strengthened, everybody has been asking questions why it is that the great mounds of sand that were thrown up by a dredger have not been leveled or have not been placed to make the levee passable as a footpath.

It is understood that $7,000 was raised to complete the levee work, but so far there has been no accounting of the disposition of the funds.

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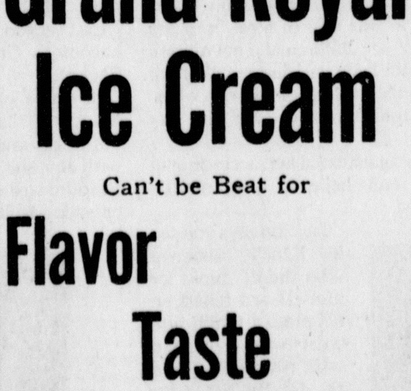

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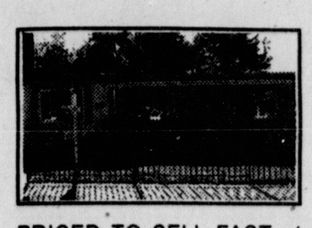

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TOP TEN

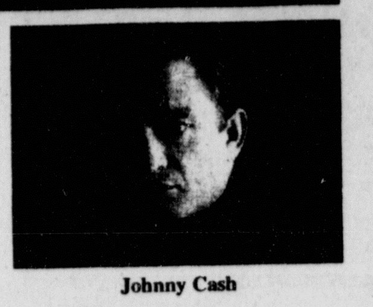
Top 10 Pop Singles

This Week *Last Week*

1. **Mariah Carey** .....No. 2
"Don't Forget About Us" (Island)
2. **Chris Brown** .....No. 1
"Run It!" (Jive)
3. **Nelly feat. Paul Wall, Ali & Gipp** .....No. 4
"Grillz" (Derrty/Fo' Reel)
4. **D4L** .....No. 3
"Laffy Taffy" (DeeMoney/Asylum)
5. **The Pussycat Dolls** .....No. 7
"Stickwitu" (RCA)
6. **Nickelback** .....No. 5
"Photograph" (Roadrunner)
7. **Kanye West feat. Jamie Foxx** .....No. 6
"Gold Digger" (Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam)
8. **Beyonce feat. Slim Thug** No. 18
"Check On It" (Columbia)
9. **Kelly Clarkson** .....No. 10
"Because of You" (RCA)
10. **Juelz Santana** .....No. 12
"There It Go!" (Diplomats/Def Jam)

Top 10 Albums

1. **Eminem** .....No. 1
"Curtain Call: The Hits" (Shady/Aftermath)
2. **Carrie Underwood** .....No. 5
"Some Hearts" (Arista/Arista Nashville)
3. **Various Artists** .....No. 4
"Now 20" (Sony BMG/Zomba/EMI)
4. **Bo Bice** .....new entry
"The Real Thing" (RCA)
5. **Kenny Chesney** .....No. 6
"The Road and The Radio" (BNA)
6. **Nickelback** .....No. 7
"All The Right Reasons" (Roadrunner)
7. **Mariah Carey** .....No. 8
"The Emancipation of Mimi" (Island)
8. **Kelly Clarkson** .....No. 11
"Breakaway" (RCA)



Johnny Cash

9. **The Black Eyed Peas** .....No. 9
"Monkey Business" (A&M)
10. **Johnny Cash** .....No. 12
"The Legend of Johnny Cash" (Legacy/Columbia/American/Island)

Top 10 Hot Country Singles

1. **Billy Currington** .....No. 5
"Must Be Doin' Somethin' Right" (Mercury)
2. **George Strait** .....No. 7
"She Let Herself Go" (MCA Nashville)
3. **Garth Brooks** .....No. 4
"Good Ride Cowboy" (Pearl)
4. **Dierks Bentley** .....No. 1
"Come a Little Closer" (Capitol)
5. **Carrie Underwood** .....No. 8
"Jesus, Take the Wheel" (Arista)
6. **Joe Nichols** .....No. 3
"Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off" (Universal South)
7. **Kenny Chesney** .....No. 2
"Who You'd Be Today" (BNA)
8. **Trace Adkins** .....No. 10
"Honky Tonk Badonkadonk" (Capitol)
9. **Toby Keith** .....No. 6
"Big Blue Note" (DreamWorks)
10. **Little Big Town** .....No. 11
"Boondocks" (Equity)

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TEST DRIVE by Greg Zyla

2006 Toyota Camry LE
Base price: $20,375
Price as tested: $22,691

This week, we test-drive one of the most solid sedans on the planet, even if it still doesn't turn any heads. The 2006 Toyota Camry retains its standard, non-flashy look, but it hasn't lost any of its famed attributes, either, with solid performance, good fuel mileage, long life and a low price still driving sales.

Since it replaced the Corona late in the 1983 model year, the Camry has been a top seller for Toyota year after year. Jokes about its looks aside, we were reminded in our weeklong test drive why this car remains so popular.

The Camry's trim options range from standard to LE, SE and XLE. The LE and XLE include options for a 3.0-liter, six-cylinder engine that produces 190 horsepower, while the SE has a 3.3-liter V-6 option that delivers 210 horses. Our tester had the standard 2.4-liter four-cylinder, which produces an ample 154 horsepower. We didn't find the Camry wanting for more power at all, although the bigger engine would no doubt add a little zip to the otherwise unexciting Camry feel. Beware the notable fuel mileage drop-off with the bigger engine, however, as 24 mpg city and 34 mpg highway EPA ratings with the four-cylinder drop to as low as 20 and 28 mpg with the sixes.

While a manual transmission is still an option on all but the XLE Camry, our tester had the standard five-speed ECT-I automatic. The push-button feature to turn overdrive on and off came in handy during some rough-weather driving here in the Northeast, and we were glad for the power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering. We salute the Camry's front-wheel-drive system as well.

For those stuck on Camry's routine outside appearance, just crawl inside and you'll be reminded that beauty is only skin deep. The Camry is more impressive from the inside out, with soft, comfortable seating and a great view of the road.

Interior comforts and conveniences include air conditioning with air filtration, cruise control, AM/FM/CD audio with six speakers, steering wheel-integrated audio controls, power driver's seat with lumbar support, 60/40 split rear folding seat, power windows and door locks, adjustable driver and passenger shoulder-belt anchors, center-console armrest with dual storage, rear window defogger, outside temperature gauge and remote trunk and fuel release. Also noteworthy are Camry's keyless entry with trunk release, and its color-keyed power outside mirrors.

For a model in the low $20,000 range, Camry gets a good dose of Toyota's safety technology, with anti-lock brakes, driver and front-passenger

2006 Toyota Camry LE

Likes: Solid, trustworthy, great mileage, comfortable ride

Dislikes: It's been 23 years — add a little flash!

advanced air-bag system, adjustable headrests for all five seats, three-point seatbelts and child-restraint system. Camry also has Halogen auto on-off headlamps and daytime running lights.

Adding to our base price were the driver and front-passenger side and curtain airbags ($650), power tilt-and-slide moonroof ($900), a carpet and trunk mat set ($186) and destination charge ($580).

Other important numbers include an 18.5-gallon fuel tank, 3,164-pound curb weight and a 107.1-inch wheelbase.

Among its long list of four-door sedan competitors, Camry is still most challenged by Honda's Accord. Break down all of the categories and statistics, and the final decision may lie in the eye of the beholder.

In summary, we rate Camry an 8.5 on a scale of one to 10, with 10 highest.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Aspects call for care in preparing material for submission. Although you might find it bothersome to go over what you've done, the fact is, rechecking could be worth your time and effort.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The week is favorable for Bovines who welcome change. New career opportunities wait to be checked out. You might also want to get started on that home makeover you've been considering.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might have to be extra careful to protect that surprise you have planned, thanks to a certain snoopy someone who wants to know more about your plans than you're willing to share.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Family ties are strong this week, although an old and still-unresolved problem might create some unpleasant moments. If so, look to straighten the situation out once and for all.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Although the Lion might see it as an act of loyalty and courage to hold on to an increasingly shaky position, it might be wiser to make changes now to prevent a possible meltdown later.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your gift for adding new people to your circle of friends works overtime this week, thanks largely to contacts you made during the holidays. A surprise awaits you at the week's end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Don't hide your talents. It's a good time to show what you can do to impress people who can do a lot for you. A dispute with a family member might still need some smoothing over.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be open with your colleagues about your plan to bring a workplace matter out into the open. You'll want their support, and they'll want to know how you'll pull it off.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Trying to patch up an unraveling relationship is often easier said than done. But it helps to discuss and work out any problems that arise along the way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While your creative aspect remains high this week, you might want to call on your practical side to help work out the why and wherefore of an upcoming decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Dealing with someone's disappointment can be difficult for Aquarians, who always try to avoid giving pain. But a full explanation and a show of sympathy can work wonders.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Getting a job-related matter past some major obstacles should be easier this week. A personal situation might take a surprising but not necessarily unwelcome turn by the week's end.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be both a dreamer and a doer. You consider helping others to be an important part of your life.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

According to a Dec. 22, 2005 release from the Department of Veterans Affairs, grave markers for more than 5 million burial locations provided by the VA are now available on the Internet. (See below.)

The release states that "Internet users only need to provide the last name of the deceased veteran or dependent." Also, "Veterans whose discharges are other than dishonorable, their spouses and dependent children may be buried in a national cemetery, regardless of where they live. No advance reservations are made. VA provides perpetual care, as well as a headstone or marker, a burial flag and a memorial certificate to survivors."

VA burial benefits information is available from a VA Web site at www.cem.va.gov and from VA regional offices by calling toll-fee at 1-800-827-1000.

The VA's gravesite locator database was recently expanded with the addition of 19 million records for veterans buried in private cemeteries. This program helps family members, former comrades-in-arms an ' others find the graves of the veterans. Information is available at gravelocator.cem.va.gov.

NOTE: A writer says he was told that pregnant soldiers serving in the Gulf weren't always advised of all their rights and were often "counseled" to leave the service after giving birth. If anyone has more information on this, please send it on.

Write to Freddy Groves in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send an e-mail to letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HOLIDAYS: In which country did the tradition of Boxing Day (usually the day after Christmas) start?
2. RELIGION: In what century did St. Patrick live in Ireland?
3. LITERATURE: Who wrote "Two Years Before the Mast"?
4. MOVIES: Who directed the film "Mean Streets"?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is Europe's longest river?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The Magi were a priestly caste from what country?
7. ROYALS: For how many years did the House of Tudor rule England?
8. FIRSTS: Janet Guthrie was the first woman to do what?
9. ASTRONOMY: Which is the smallest of the nine planets in our solar system in terms of diameter?
10. HUMAN BODY: About how many times does a human heart beat every day?

Answers

1. England
2. 5th century A.D.
3. Richard Henry Dana
4. Martin Scorsese
5. Volga
6. Ancient Persia
7. 118 years
8. Drive in the Indy 500
9. Pluto, at 1,400 miles in diameter
10. More than 100,000 times

Now here's a tip! by Jo Ann Derson

• "My hands get very dry this time of year, so I keep a bottle of lotion and a pair of thin cotton gloves in my desk at work. I can lather up and then put the gloves on while I type or respond to e-mail. It really has helped to hydrate my skin, and it doesn't really interfere with my tasks." — B.R. via e-mail

• If you have a small hole in a white wall that needs to be filled pronto, try toothpaste.

• Add a couple of dryer softener sheets to your vacuum's dust-collection bag to spread a nice smell throughout the house as you vacuum. Used fabric-softener sheets make great dust cloths.

• "When dusting pleated lampshades, use a soft-bristled paintbrush. It is so much quicker to dust this way." — I.A. in Oregon

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 04-12748 Doc ID #000ONEA565CA2005N Title Order No. 2463940 Investor/Insurer No. 300921737 APN No. 045-563-26-1 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/23/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.* Notice is hereby given that CTC Real Estate Services, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by BERNICE D. O'NEAL, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, dated 02/23/2004 and recorded 02/27/04, as Instrument No. 2004-0007630-00, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 02/01/2006 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3092 CARMEL BAY ROAD, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA, 95691. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $262,573.84. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 01/21/2005 CTC Real Estate Services 5898 CONDOR DRIVE, MP-88 MOORPARK, CA 93021 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (805) 578-6618 By: Trustee's Sale Officer CTC Real Estate Services is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 741610 01/11/2006, 01/18/2006, 01/25/2006

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
Augusta Mary Perini
CASE NUMBER PB05-251

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Augusta Mary Perini:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by William Perini in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that William Perini be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Jan. 19, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 11, 812 Court St., Woodland CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 2, 2005
File No. 2005-1259

The following person is doing business as Randall Jacobs Sr. Authorized Mac Tool Distributor, 18044 Co. Rd. 93B, Woodland CA 95695:

Randall J. Jacobs, Sr., same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 2, 2005.

/s/Randall Jacobs Sr.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec 2, 2005
by: /s/Kimberli Barlow, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 14, 2005
File No. 2005-1311

The following person is doing business as Affordable Curbs, 1881 Kendall Ct., Yuba City CA 95993:

Peter J. Hartz, 1881 Kendall Ct., Yuba City CA 95993.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 14, 2005.

/s/Peter J. Hartz.

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by: /s/Peter J. Hartz, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 9, 2005
File No. 2005-1291

The following person is doing business as Homer's River City Florist & Gifts, 1040 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Andrew Lawrence & Frank Lewis, 111 Tower St., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/8/05.

/s/Andrew Lawrence
Frank Lewis

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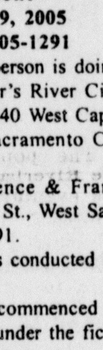
Havey's Barber Shop



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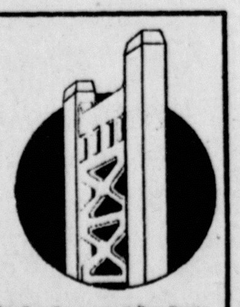

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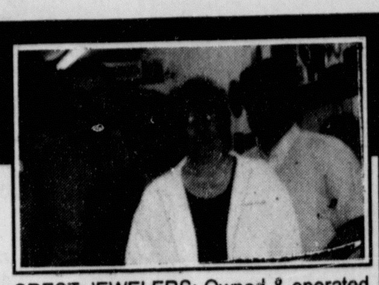

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Local Scene

Food giveaway

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible West Sacramento residents on Jan. 17 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. at Community Lutheran Church and from 11-noon at Yolo Housing Authority; on Jan. 23 at the Clarksburg Firehouse from 10:30-11:30 a.m.; and on Jan. 24 from 9-11 a.m. at the West Sacramento County Building, 500 Jefferson Blvd. For information on eligibility, please call (530) 758-6821. Please bring a bag.

Save on energy

PG&E is offering a financial incentive to reduce your use of natural gas this winter. The "10/20 Winter Gas Savings Program" provides a 20 percent rebate to eligible customers who reduce gas usage by 10 percent between January and March. For tips and details, visit www.pge.com.

Moose dinner/dance

West Sacramento's Moose Lodge plans a Western Dinner & Dance on Sat., Jan. 21. Cost for members and their guests is $10 per person. For information or tickets, call 371-6415.

Harvard for free

Harvard University is offering free tuition to selected students whose families have an income below $40,000. Visit www.news.harvard.edu/gazette/daily/0402/28-finaid.html. or call (617) 495-1581.

Emergencies:

The City of West Sacramento will host a "community group meeting" on Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. at city hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. The topic will be emergency preparedness, with presentations from the fire department on "sheltering in place" and from a local flood control agency on flood protection. For more information on the meeting, call 617-4620.

Financial aid

River City High School will host a financial aid information night on Wed., Jan. 18, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the school library. Senior class members bound for college or trade school, and their parents, are welcome.

Southport project

One of the consultants involved in the creation of the Southport Framework Plan will be on hand at a two community meetings to discuss the plan and one related private development, "Yarbrough." The meetings will both take place at the Sacramento Yacht Club, 3365 South River Road at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 12 and on Jan. 24. Space is limited; please RSVP at www.YarbroughLiving.com or by calling 375-1411.

Affordable help

The Sacramento State Center for Counseling and Diagnostic Services offers appointments for children and adults to receive counseling in family, marriage, career and vocational rehabilitation issues. Services through one academic semester are available for a flat fee of $75. Staffed by advanced counseling and psychology graduate students; sessions are weekly through mid-May. Call 278-6252 or email ccds@csus.edu.

State fellowships

Assemblywoman Lois Wolk invites applicants for 18 11-month fellowships working on fiscal and policy issues. Fellows will earn a $1972 monthly stipend plus benefits. Eligible participants will have completed their undergraduate degree by September 2006. Mid-career professionals and those with advanced degrees are also encouraged to apply. Call 319-3753.

Yolo Archives

The Yolo County Archives office reopened January 3 for public use on an "appointment" basis. Appointments are available Tuesdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursdays noon to 4 p.m. To make an appointment, call Mel Russell at (530) 666-8010.

Mosquitos, WNV

A community meeting on issues related to pest management, combating mosquitos and West Nile Virus will be hosted by the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District Thursday, Jan. 12, from 7-9 p.m. at 700 H St., Room 1450 in Sacramento.

Small biz

Sacramento City College's Small Business Center offers classes in a variety of topics targeted for small business owners and managers, including marketing, financing, record-keeping, management skills and creating a business plan. Call 375-5511.

Softball signups

The West Sacramento Girls Softball League will accept signups on Jan. 7, 10-12, 14, 21 & 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Johnnie's Sidewalk Pizza. The league will also host a softball clinic on March 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring Sacramento State University softball coach Kathy Strahan and her staff, helping girls age 5-18 work on pitching, infield defense, outfield defense and hitting. Cost for the clinic is $25 and registration begins at the event at 9:30 a.m. For more information on league signups or the clinic, call Miguel at 308-8450.

Book sale

The West Sacramento Friends of the Library will hold a book sale on Saturday and Sunday Jan. 14-15. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the community room at 1212 Merkley Avenue. Donations of clean, gently-used books will be accepted during business hours. Please limit donations to three bags or boxes at one time. Call 375-6465.

Recycle cooking oil

A new city program offers you a chance to recycle your used cooking oil this holiday season. Instead of risking blocked pipes by pouring it down a drain, save it in a sturdy container and take it to the public works department, 1951 South River Road, weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. No charge for residents or city employees showing a photo ID. Remember, homeowners and residents can be tapped for cleanup costs if a pipe blockage is traced to their home. For information, call 617-4850.

Cajun Night

The West Sacramento Moose Lodge will hold "Cajun Nite" on Sat., Jan. 14, at 3240 Jefferson Blvd. Food is available for purchase between 6-8:30 p.m. and music by Ron Bombardier & the Bayou Boys will play from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Cover charge $10. For information, call 371-6303.

Crab Feed

The Collings West Sacramento Teen Center will partner with the Huntington's Disease Society of America for their annual crab feed on Sat., Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at 1541 Merkley Avenue. For tickets, call the teen center at 375-0681 or visit www.collingsteencenter.org. Proceeds will benefit teen center programs and the fight against Huntington's Disease.

Report DUIs

A new toll-free tip line enables members of the public to report suspected drunk drivers without tying up the "911" line. To report suspected DUI drivers, call "1-800-TELL-CHP." That phone number is now being publicized, including through the placement of signs at highway rest stops. The program is a partnership of the California Highway Patrol, Caltrans, the state office of traffic safety and state department of alcohol and drug programs.

Chamber awards

The West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce will host its annual installation of officers and awards ceremony on Jan. 26 at the "Old Sugar Mill" in Clarksburg, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Individual tickets are $50. Awardees will include Wallace-Kuhl & Associates as "Business of the Year," Mike Webber as "Ambassador of the Year," Leonard Strickland as "Businessperson of the Year," and Betty Pinkston as "Volunteer of the Year." A "Lifetime Achievement Award will go to Jolaine Beers. Call 371-7042 for information.

New parents

New or expecting parents can receive a "parent kit" free from the First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission. Call (530) 669-2478.

The News-Ledger is happy to publicize your community group's local public calendar event, at no charge. Send info to: News-Ledger, 1040 West Capitol Ave. #B, W. Sacramento CA 95691.

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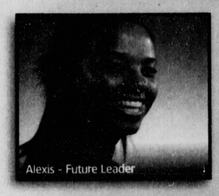
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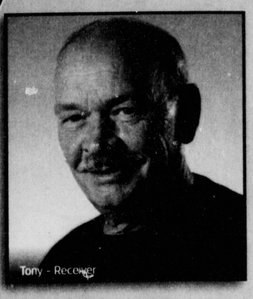
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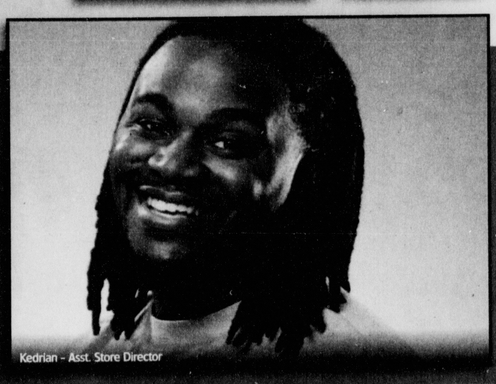
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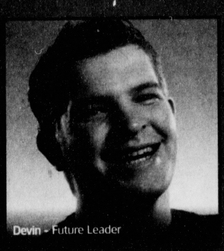
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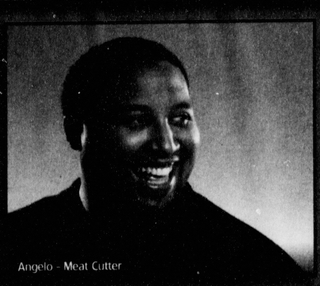
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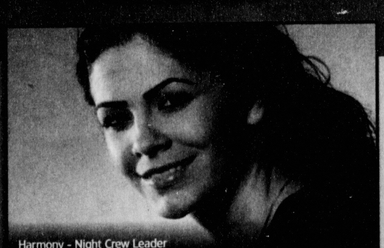
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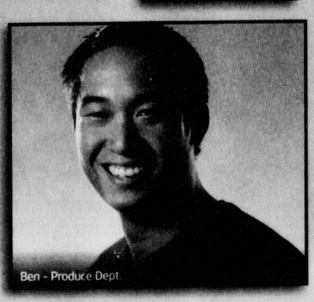
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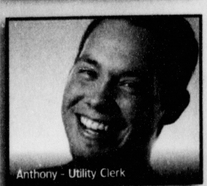
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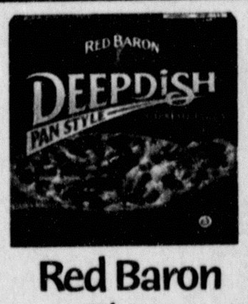

Red Baron Pizza
Selected Varieties.
8.8-16.84 oz. Package
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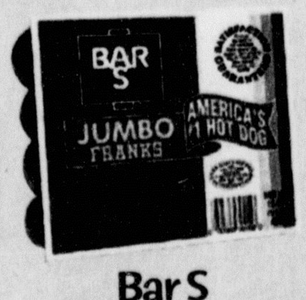
MEAT-DELI

Land O' Frost Lunchmeats
Selected Varieties.
2.5 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings.... 20¢
59¢

Bar S Sliced Bacon
Selected Varieties.
16 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings... 1.60
2.59



Bar S Jumbo Franks
16 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings.... 70¢
79¢

Bar S Meat Bologna
16 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings.... 90¢
99¢

Gold Rush Creamery Cheese
Selected Varieties.
32 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings... 3.00
6.89

Precious Mozzarella
32 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings... 2.00
5.99

Evergood Sausage
Selected Varieties.
16 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings... 1.00
3.99

Better Than BOGO
Kraft American Cheese Singles
12 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings...2.20
1.99

Better Than BOGO
Kellogg's Cocoa Krispies or Honey Smacks
Selected Varieties.
17.5-17.6 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings...2.90
1.99

Kraft Barbecue Sauce
Selected Varieties.
18 oz. Bottle
Save 5.12 on 4
4 for $2

Better Than BOGO
French's Classic Yellow Mustard
20 oz. Bottle
Stop Sign Savings...1.60
99¢

Soft'n Gentle Bathroom Tissue
24 Roll Package
Stop Sign Savings...2.51
4.98

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Kraft Macaroni & Cheese Dinner

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16 oz. Bag

Save 78¢ on 2

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750 ml. Bottle
* While supplies last

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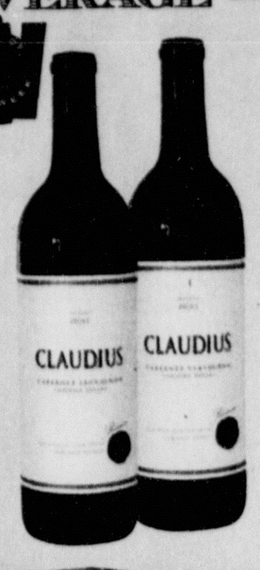

J. Lohr Wines

Riverstone Chardonnay or Seven Oaks Cabernet Sauvignon. 750 ml. Bottles

Save up to 5.00

10.99

Barefoot Wines

Selected Varieties.
750 ml. Bottles

Stop Sign Savings... 1.50

4.49

Michelob Beer

Selected Varieties.
12 Pack/12 oz. Bottles

Stop Sign Savings... 3.00

8.99 +crv

Rolling Rock Beer

Selected Varieties.
12 Pack/12 oz. Bottles

Stop Sign Savings... 3.00

7.99 +crv

Coors Beer

Selected Varieties.
12 Pack/12 oz. Cans

Stop Sign Savings... 2.50

7.99 +crv

Christian Brothers Brandy

750 ml. Bottle

Stop Sign Savings... 2.00

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CortiSlim

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6+2 Bonus Pack

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Vick's Casero Cough Suppressant

4 oz. Liquid

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Selected Varieties.
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Cheer Laundry Detergent

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46-53 oz. Powder

Stop Sign Savings...2.59

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35 Count. 13 Gallon

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3.99

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Selected Varieties.
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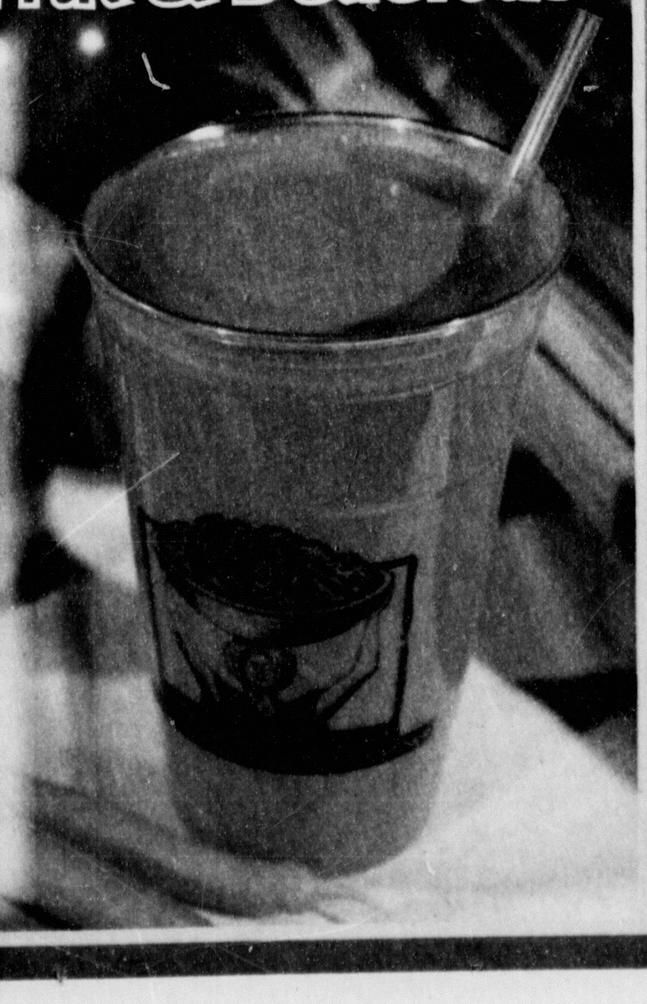


Foster Farms California Grown

Fresh Chicken Leg Quarters

In the value pack for maximum savings.

69¢ lb.

Stop Sign Savings...60¢ lb.

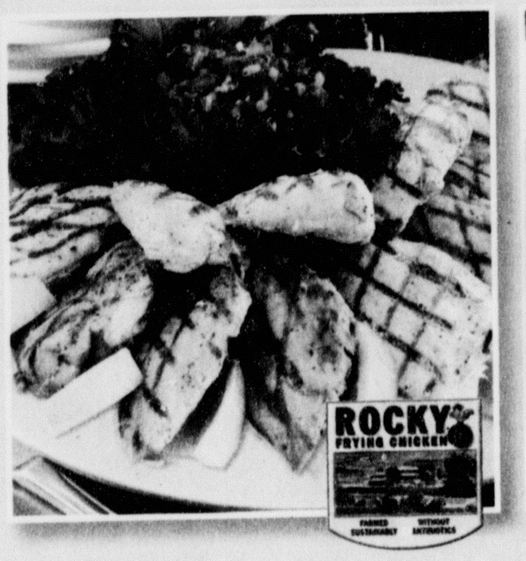
Prairie Fresh Natural Pork

Boston Butt Pork Roast

Slow cook for maximum flavor & tenderness.

1.39 lb.

Stop Sign Savings...1.10 lb.

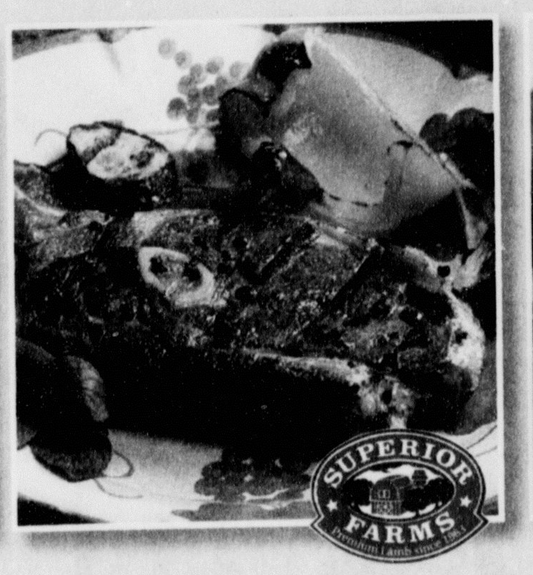


Rocky Jr. Boneless Skinless

Chicken Breasts

Stop Sign Savings...1.70 lb.

3.99 lb.

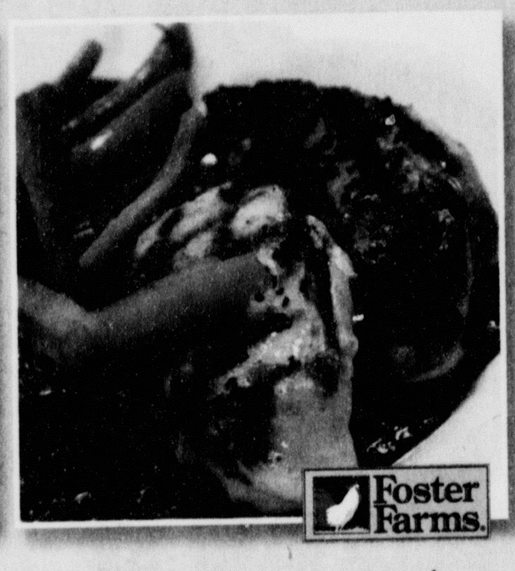


Superior Farms USDA Choice

Lamb Shoulder or O-Bone Chops

Stop Sign Savings...1.00 lb.

2.89 lb.



Foster Farms Savory Servings Marinated Boneless Skinless

Chicken Breasts

Selected Varieties.

Stop Sign Savings...1.80 lb.

3.99 lb.

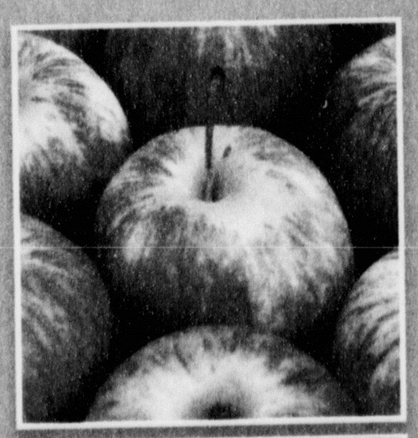
Ocean Fresh

Red Snapper Fillets

Stop Sign Savings...1.00 lb.

4.99 lb.

– Fresh Produce Specials –

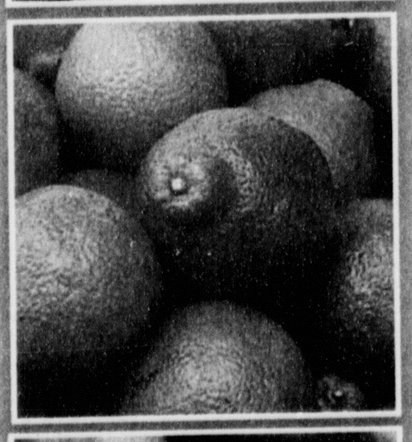


Washington

Gala Apples

Stop Sign Savings...51¢ lb.

98¢ lb.

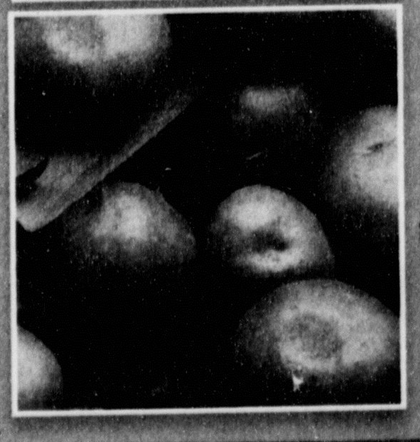


New Arizona Crop

Minneola Tangelos

Stop Sign Savings...41¢ lb.

98¢ lb.

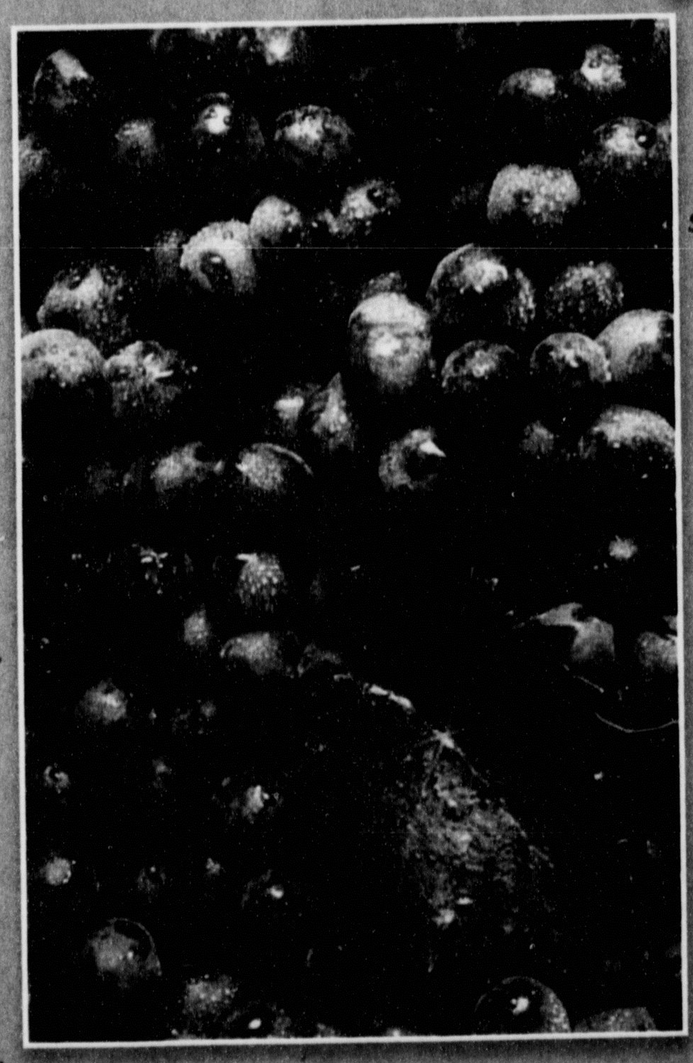


Northwest Grown

Fresh Red Potatoes

Stop Sign Savings...19¢ lb.

2$1 lbs.



Premium Quality

Fresh Seedless Red Grapes

Stop Sign Savings...1.41 lb.

1.88 lb.

Garden Fresh

Large Eggplant

Stop Sign Savings...61¢ ea.

1.28 ea.

Orchard Fresh

Sweet Red Plums

Stop Sign Savings...91¢ lb.

2.38 lb.

Fresh Express

Organic Salads

All varieties.

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2$5 for